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RECENT WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
INCLUDING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1935.

GENERAL: Wholesale price levels declined moderately during the first quarter of 1935 in most countries within the sterling and gold "blocs". In other countries, prices generally remained stable or registered minor advances. Included in this group were Germany, Australia, Czecho-slovakia, and the United States. Regional indexes for China were usually lower, influenced without doubt by rising prices of silver. Prices in Italy moved upward while the gold value of Italian currency declined slightly.

UNITED KINGDOM: (1930=100) Moderate declines occurred in wholesale commodity price levels in the United Kingdom during the first three months of 1935. Cereals, meats, non-ferrous metals, and textiles were all slightly lower at the end of this interval. Fluctuations of the Board of Trade wholesale index have been very narrow since the beginning of 1934 when it was 89.2. Since the departure from the gold standard in September 1931, this index has moved between 89.3 and 82.7, although London prices of gold have increased by over 70 p.c.

UNITED STATES: (1926=100) Commodity wholesale price levels have continued upward during the first quarter of 1935, although the March index of 79.4 issued by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics was 0.1 lower than the February number. It compared with indexes of 76.9 for December 1934, and 73.7 for March 1934. Increasing prices for farm products and foods have been almost entirely responsible for the persistent rise. Within the year ended March 1935, the farm product index advanced 17.0 points to 78.3, and the food group mounted 14.6 points to 81.9. Other important groups including textiles, metals, building materials, and house furnishings have either maintained a stable position or declined moderately during this interval.

FRANCE: (1913=100) The March wholesale index of the Statistique Générale for France was 335 or 15 points less than it had been in January. This represented the lowest level reached during the current deflationary movement, and was little more than 50 p.c. of the January 1929 index of 657. Declines during the first three months of 1935 occurred for vegetable products, animal products and textiles, with minerals and metals showing little change. This latter group was slightly higher than in March 1934, but other groups mentioned were definitely lower.

GERMANY: (1913=100) Wholesale price levels in Germany during the first quarter of 1935 remained practically unchanged and almost upon a parity with those in 1913. The March index was 0.7 p.c. above the 1913 average. This represented a recovery of 10 points from the depression low of 90.7 reached in April 1933. Recent stability in the general level of prices has been paralleled to an unusual extent by the stability exhibited by individual sub-group indexes. Price movements indicated by these sub-group indexes have been of much smaller proportions during the past six months than in most other countries.

ITALY: (1913=100) The Milan Chamber of Commerce index number of wholesale prices registered a sharp rise in March, following upon a more gradual advance in the preceding seven months. Since July 1934, it has mounted from 272.91 to 289.44. All commodity groups with the exception of building and construction materials have contributed to this movement. Although the Italian lira has fallen slightly in value during the past few months, its decline has scarcely been commensurate with the reaction shown by commodity prices.

JAPAN: (1913=100) In the last half of 1934 wholesale prices in Japan commenced a secondary advance following a reaction from the initial upswing subsequent to the abandonment of the gold standard in December 1931. This rise carried the Tokyo wholesale price index upward to 139.1 in February 1935, which compared with a recovery high of 139.8 in January 1933, and the depression low of 110.6 in June 1932.

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RECENT COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
INCLUDING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1935.

GENERAL: Cost of living index numbers for the first quarter of 1935 fluctuated within very narrow limits. Moderate declines occurred in Australia, Belgium, Finland, France, and the United Kingdom while slight increases were noted for Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and the United States. Indexes for the great majority of countries changed only fractionally within this period. For countries outside of the gold "bloc", living costs were somewhat higher than depression low points in 1933. Within the gold "bloc", however, living costs since 1933 have continued to decline, following in the wake of the persistent recession in wholesale prices.

UNITED KINGDOM: (July 1914=100) Seasonal declines in food prices were responsible for a slight decrease in United Kingdom living costs in the first three months of 1935. This followed an advance of seven points in the last seven months of 1934, due to small increases for foods, clothing, and fuel and lighting. The Ministry of Labour cost of living index has remained between 136 and 148 since the abandonment of the gold standard in September 1931.

UNITED STATES: (1923=100) Living costs in the United States have been moving upward gradually since April 1933. Between that month and March 1935, the index of the National Industrial Conference Board advanced from 71.5 to 82.4. Foods have shown the greatest rise during this period, although all budget groups contributed to some extent. In the first three months of 1935, indexes for foods and shelter advanced slightly, clothing declined fractionally, and fuel and light and sundries remained unchanged.

FRANCE: (1914=100) The Paris index number of retail prices has declined gradually and without interruptions of any consequence, from the beginning of 1931 to March 1935, during which time it has fallen from 130.8 to 90.8 (in terms of the 193 cent franc). Wholesale prices which are still declining in France had been moving downward for nearly two years before this retail index showed any appreciable reaction.

GERMANY: (1913=100) Marked stability in the field of wholesale prices has been paralleled by the behaviour of German cost of living index numbers during the past six months. Moderate increases in food prices in this period have been counterbalanced by declining fuel costs. The March cost of living index issued by the Federal Statistical Office was 122.2, which compared with 120.6 for April 1934, and 116.6 for April 1933.

ITALY: (June 1927=100) A cost of living index for 50 Italian cities and towns has shown practically no change since May 1934. It stood at 69.8 in that month and 70.0 in March 1935. Prior to May 1934, the index declined slowly from the time of its inception in January 1927.

JAPAN: (July 1914=100) Retail prices as measured by the Bank of Japan's Tokyo index have fluctuated narrowly throughout the past year. This series has ranged between 147.3 and 151.0 within that period, the March index being 149.9. In most indexes with pre-war bases foods are relatively lower than other group indexes. That is not the case in Tokyo as indicated by the following March 1935 figures: Foods 166, fuel and light 185, clothing 107, and sundries 149. It is also unusual to find the sundries group as low as the general average.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	Authority	N O R T H A M E R I C A										U N I T E D S T A T E S				Analyst		
		C A N A D A					I r v i n g F i s h e r					B r a d s t r e e t		D u n				
		Dominion Bureau of Statistics					Bureau of Labor Statistics					Bradstreet		Dun				
No. of Commodities	Base Period	General Index		Consumers' Goods		Producers' Goods		Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods		Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods		Irving Fisher		Bradstreet		200	1913	72 Series 1913
		1926	1913	236(d)	1926	402(d)	1926	245(d)	1926	322(d)	1926	200	1926	784 (b)	1925			
1913		64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	120.887	100	100	100	120.887	100	100
1914		65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	122.211	97	97	97	122.211	101	-
1919		134.0	209.2	118.7	139.0	139.0	131.5	132.5	138.6	138.6	18.6642	230.846	203	203	203	230.846	190	-
1920		155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.3095	246.721	204	204	204	246.721	205	-
1921		110.0	171.8	108.0	112.8	112.8	107.5	116.7	97.6	97.6	11.3696	170.451	123	123	123	170.451	141	-
1922		97.3	152.0	95.1	99.1	99.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	96.7	12.1185	171.660	132	132	132	171.660	142	-
1923		98.0	153.0	93.7	97.8	97.8	91.1	103.1	101.1	101.1	13.4028	189.787	146	146	146	189.787	157	-
1924		99.4	155.2	93.2	99.5	99.5	94.8	101.9	98.9	98.9	12.8672	189.322	140	140	140	189.322	157	-
1925		102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	105.2	13.9445	197.694	151	151	151	197.694	164	158.9
1926		100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	13.0207	189.398	141	141	141	189.398	157	150.2
1927		97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	94.2	12.7787	187.092	139	139	139	187.092	155	144.7
1928		96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	97.9	13.2823	194.521	144	144	144	194.521	161	149.0
1929		95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	96.3	12.6727	191.043	138	138	138	191.043	158	145.6
1930		86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.3	10.7451	174.453	117	117	117	174.453	144	127.6
1931		72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	71.4	8.7604	147.353	95	95	95	147.353	122	104.1
1932		66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	61.6	7.0949	134.303	77	77	77	134.303	111	91.0
1933		67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	64.6	7.8557	144.661	85	85	85	144.661	120	-
1934		71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	76.6	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	-
1934	April																	
May		71.3	111.4	74.3	66.6	66.6	61.3	73.8	73.3	73.3	9.1697	163.415	100	100	100	163.415	135	108.6
June		71.1	111.1	73.3	67.2	67.2	62.2	72.7	75.2	75.2	9.1552	161.331	99	99	99	161.331	133	110.8
July		72.0	112.5	74.3	69.0	69.0	64.5	73.1	77.3	77.3	9.1404	163.985	99	99	99	163.985	136	114.3
August		72.0	112.5	73.9	69.3	69.3	64.7	73.2	77.9	77.9	9.2351	167.156	100	100	100	167.156	138	114.4
September		72.2	112.8	73.9	70.1	70.1	65.3	73.6	78.3	78.3	9.3216	167.912	101	101	101	167.912	139	117.7
October		71.9	112.3	74.1	69.0	69.0	64.6	73.8	80.1	80.1	9.4778	169.188	103	103	103	169.188	140	120.3
November		71.3	111.4	73.8	67.9	67.9	64.4	73.0	79.1	79.1	9.4566	170.032	103	103	103	170.032	141	116.3
December		71.1	111.1	73.3	68.1	68.1	64.3	72.6	78.9	78.9	9.2791	168.005	101	101	101	168.005	139	116.4
1935		71.1	111.1	73.2	68.4	68.4	64.3	72.7	78.7	78.7	9.2913	170.199	101	101	101	170.199	141	118.0
January		71.4	111.5	73.4	68.5	68.5	64.9	73.7	81.0	81.0	9.4925	173.075	103	103	103	173.075	143	122.6
February		71.9	112.3	74.0	69.3	69.3	65.2	74.4	82.0	82.0	9.7800	176.770	106	106	106	176.770	146	124.3
March		72.0	112.5	73.7	69.3	69.3	65.5	74.3	81.3	81.3	9.7954	176.806	106	106	106	176.806	146	123.5
April		72.5	113.2	73.5	70.7	70.7	66.6	74.3										

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January, 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and, in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	N. AMERICA MEXICO	ARGENTINE Banco de la Nacion	SOUTH AMERICA CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM			E U R O P E		FRANCE Statistique Générale		GERMANY Federal Statistical Office	
Authority	Official		Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale			
No. of Commodities	32	108		58	150	58	45	60	45	126	400		
Base Period	1929	1926	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913		
1913		75.5	100	100	100	100	100	100	102	100	100		
1914			104	104			226.5		100 July		99 July		
1918			212	212			241.9		346		208 July		
1919			220	220			295.3		364		339 July		
1920		108.2		239	307.3		182.4	251.2 (d)	520		1367 July		
1921		98.5		205	197.2		154.1	162.1 (d)	352		1428 July		
1922		101.8		190	158.8		151.8	158.6 (d)	334		10059 July		
1923		109.5		189	158.9		164.0	169.1 (d)	428		7478700 July		
1924		110.9		192	166.2	158.9	159.5	179.3 (d)	499		137.3 (a)		
1925		100.0		202	159.1	115.7	148.0	152.8 (d)	561		141.8		
1926		98.1		203	148.1	112.0	144.0	142.1 (d)	718		134.4		
1927		98.5		203	141.6	100.0	144.0	141.9 (d)	630	695	137.6		
1928		96.4	192.5	192	140.3	135.1	141.2	137.5 (d)	634	642	140.0		
1929	100.0	92.2	192.4	186	136.5	127.2	135.3	128.8 (d)	623	645	137.2		
1930	-	89.0	166.9	178	119.5	106.8	114.1	103.2 (d)	543	554	124.6		
1931	-	89.5	152.9	175	104.2	89.3	96.5	99.5 (d)	462	502	110.9		
1932	-	85.6	230.2	170	101.6	86.1	94.0	94.3 (d)	407	427	96.5		
1933	-	98.4	346.4	180	100.9	86.9	93.7	98.2 (d)	388	398	93.3		
1934			343.6	188	104.1	90.3	96.4			376	98.4		
1934				(c)		(b)	(b)			(b)			
March	95.2	96.8	336.9	184	103.8	90.0	96.7	99.2	380	394	95.9		
April	97.8	96.3	342.6	187	102.8	90.0	95.3	98.9	378	387	95.8		
May	95.6	97.5	343.1	188	102.4	90.0	95.4	99.1	372	381	96.2		
June	94.1	98.3	351.7	190	103.6	89.9	94.9	97.6	363	379	97.2		
July	95.1	99.2	352.5	189	103.4	91.0	96.9	99.6	361	374	98.9		
August	94.2	101.6	354.1	191	105.5	92.3	98.1	102.4	363	371	100.1		
September	95.1	100.6	352.6	191	105.2	90.4	96.6	100.1	360	365	100.4		
October	93.3	98.8	344.2	188	104.1	89.7	95.4		352	357	101.0		
November	93.2	98.4	343.3	187	104.1	89.0	95.3		349	356	101.2		
December	94.8	98.7	341.8	185	104.4	90.4	97.4		344	344	101.0		
1935													
January	95.2	98.0	350.9	186		91.6	98.4		349	350	101.1		
February	94.5	96.8	344.3	189		91.3	98.1		349	343	100.9		
March				191		66.1	97.5		344	335	100.7		

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) December.
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E U R O P E

COUNTRY	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN
Authority	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities	47(b)	78	130	48	100	47	160	23	74
Base Period	January-July, 1914	July, 1914	April, 1914	1913	Dec. 31/13-June 30/14	July 1/13-June 30/14	1913	1927	1913
1913		100 April		100	100		100		100
1914				109	115	116			101
1919				304	322	330			204
1920				292	382	347	359		221
1921				182	298	211	222		190
1922				160	233	162	173		176
1923				151	233	157	163		172
1924				156	269	155	162		183
1925				155	251	157	161		188
1926				145	196	144	149		181
1927				148	160	141	146		172
1928				149	155	144	148	100	167
1929				142	148	134	140	104	171
1930				117	138	115	122	88	172
1931				97	123	105	111	90	174
1932				79	125	101	109	74	173
1933				74	124	100	107	57	
1934				78	124		114	51	
1934					(d)			(a)	
March				79		106	112	50	
April				79		107	113	50	
May				77		106	113	49	
June				76		107	114	51	
July				77		108	114	51	
August				78		-	114	52	
September				77		-	114	52	
October				77		-	114	52	
November				77		-	114	52	
December				78		-	115	51	
1935						-	115		
January				78		-	115	52	
February				77		-	115	52	
March				75		-	115		

(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (c) Average of 5 months. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month.

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CONTINENT		E U R O P E										
COUNTRY	ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
Authority	Bachi	Milan Chamber of Commerce	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of Commodities	150	238	135	88	61	55	60	44	55	52	126	52
Base Period	1913	1923	1913	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913-July, 1914	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914	1913-1914
1913	100		100	100	100			100	100	100	100 July	
1914			103									
1920	531		1183									
1921	508		1263									
1922	512		1219									
1923	512		1095									
1924	596		1100									
1925	603		1129									
1926	495		1088									
1927	462		1133									
1928	445		1110									
1929	383	100.0	(d)	134								
1930	328	96.3	100	134								
1931	304	85.5	101	134								
1932	280	74.6	102	129								
1933	(a)	65.5	98	108								
1934	(f)	59.1	90	94								
1934	(a)	55.8	84	76								
1934	(a)	57.3	90	68								
March	275	57.3	90									
April	273	56.8	89									
May	273	56.0	89									
June	272	55.8	89									
July	270	55.9	89									
August	271	55.8	90									
September	270	55.0	90									
October	272	54.5	90									
November	274	53.6	90									
December	276	53.5	90									
1935	277	52.9	90									
January		52.2	90									
February			90									
March			90									

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Since January, 1929, new index. (d) Since March 1934, compiled according to the new gold parity.

(e) Average of eight months. (f) Average last week of month.

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CONTINENT	COUNTRY	ASIA				OCEANIA		AFRICA	
		INDIA	EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA
	Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Statistique générale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office
	No. of Commodities	72	43	37	100	254	56	120	188
	Base	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1926	1926	1913	1907-1913	Jan. 1, 1913
	Period	1914	1914	1913	1926	1926	1913	1907-1913	July 31, 1914
	1914	100 (a)	100 (a)	100	68	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1915	196	223	98 (a)	67	95.5	105.6	1053	95.9
	1916	201	216	248	81	235.9	188.9	1782	164.8
	1917	178	193	279	89	259.4	227.9	2092	223.3
	1918	176	187	191	89	200.4	174.9	1942	160.4
	1919	172	181	170	87	195.8	161.6	1665	128.4
	1920	173	182	173	90	199.1	178.7	1593	126.6
	1921	159	163	173	93	206.5	173.3	1634	128.7
	1922	148	149	166	97	201.7	169.5	1627	127.6
	1923	145	147	159	100	178.9	168.4	1553	125.3
	1924	141	146	142	103	169.8	167.0	1478	124.0
	1925	141	145	144	108	170.9	164.7	1492	120.7
	1926	116	126	150	111	166.2	165.7	1488	115.1
	1927	95	109	128	116	137.0	146.7	1449	102.6
	1928	91	109	117	123	115.6	131.3	(e) 1346	99.5
	1929	87	98	107	113	121.7	129.7	1297	91.5
	1930	(b)		101	101	135.6	129.5	1308	91.5
	1931	88	93	100	91	134.2		1330	101.7
	1932	89	93	99	89	133.7	134.1	(e)	
	1933	90	94	99	89	133.7	135.2	1340	104.1
	1934	90	96	99	89	133.1	133.8	1340	
	1935	89	95	99	91	131.9	134.5	1337	
	1936	89	96	99	95	131.6	136.3	1336	98.0
	1937	89	96	99	95	133.7	137.9	1342	
	1938	89	96	101	93	135.4	137.2	1337	
	1939	89	95	100	92	137.4	137.2	1338	98.6
	1940	88	96	100	93	136.8	135.1	1340	
	1941	88	98	100	95	136.8	134.1	1338	
	1942	94	101	100	96	137.1	134.1	1345	95.5
	1943	90	101	100	92	139.1		1360	100

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA			EUROPE				
	CANADA		UNITED STATES	UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE	FRANCE	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Bureau of Labor Statistics	National Industrial Conference Board Cost of Living	Ministry of Labour	105 Towns & Localities	300 Towns	Paris Foods	Paris Cost of Living
Nature of Index	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living
Base Period	1926	1926	1923(a)	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913	(c)	(c)	68.4	100 July	100 July	(g) (i)	100 July	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	70.0	-	-	291	260	260
1919	122.5	107.2	127.3	-	-	386	371	342
1920	141.1	124.2	139.1	-	-	374	337	309
1921	107.9	109.2	104.8	-	-	317	301	296
1922	91.4	100.0	96.8	226	188	349	332	334
1923	92.1	100.0	100.0	183	184	406	380	369
1924	90.7	98.0	99.8	174	186	450	425	400
1925	94.7	99.3	107.7	175	190	571	554	505
1926	100.0	100.0	109.8	176	185	551	556	514
1927	98.1	98.4	106.4	172	175	537	549	519
1928	98.6	98.9	105.6	168	174	609	102.2(h)	556
1929	101.0	99.9	107.2	166	176	609	100.0	581
1930	98.6	99.2	100.6	164	171	605	98.8	569
1931	77.3	89.6	83.1	158	161	535	87.6	526
1932	64.3	81.4	69.9	147	157	501	82.9	520
1933	63.7	77.7	68.1	143	151	(b)	(d)	(d)
1934	(e)	(e)	(f)	140	151	(b)	(d)	(d)
1934 April	71.0	78.4	73.5	141	(f)	(b)	(d)	(d)
May	68.6	78.5	74.1	(e)	(f)	(b)	(d)	(d)
June	67.6	78.2	74.5	139	149	471	522	522
July	68.4	78.7	75.2	137	-	471	-	-
August	69.3	78.4	76.5	138	-	-	-	-
September	68.8	79.0	79.9	141	-	-	-	-
October	69.4	79.3	78.8	142	152	470	511	511
November	69.9	79.4	78.8	143	-	-	-	-
December	69.3	79.0	78.4	144	157	461	504	504
1935				144	-	-	-	-
January	68.8	78.9	81.1	143	-	-	-	-
February	69.2	79.1	83.5	142	153	-	72.9	72.9
March	69.5	79.0	83.3	141	-	-	70.5	70.5
April	68.6	78.8				-		

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (b) Monthly average. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns, 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929: 29 foodstuffs.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	E U R O P E									
	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE	
	Cost of Living 72 Towns	1913/1914	1913/1914	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Cost of Living Warsaw	1928	Cost of Living Prague	July, 1914	Cost of Living 44 Towns	1914
COUNTRY	Foods 72 Towns	1913/1914	1913/1914	Foods 59 Localities	Foods Warsaw	1928	Foods Prague	July, 1914	Foods 44 Towns	1914
Nature of Index										
Base Period										
1913										
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(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (f) Average for last seven months. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931: old series 106 towns. (m) Prior to 1931: excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930: 65 towns, 1931-32: 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.

COUNTRY Nature of Index	ROMANIA			YUGOSLAVIA			ITALY			AUSTRIA			SWITZERLAND		
	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Food 20 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Food 3 Towns	Cost of Living Milan	Food Milan	Cost of Living 50 Towns	Food 50 Towns	Cost of Living Vienna	Food Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Food 34 Towns			
Base	1913	1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	June, 1927	June, 1927	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914			
Period	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000(h)	(e)	(e)									
1913															
1914															
1919															
1920															
1921	1,305(i)				541	559			100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)			
1922	1,708				501	515			2,374		222	224			
1923	2,500				494	499			4,828		224	242			
1924	2,985				527	528			15,476(c)		200	213			
1925	3,250				611	622			460,733	57,600	164	163			
1926	3,552				654	655			74(a)	539,783	164	165			
1927	3,855				588	655			88	1250,108	169	172			
1928	3,964				530	559			97	1480,583	168	169			
1929	4,244				545	517			103	1612,150	162	160			
1930	(4,206)	(4,046)		1,423	517	559			106	116(a)	160	158			
1931	3,004(j)	2,796(j)		1,446	543	519	92.2	93.7	108	119	161	157			
1932	2,512	2,323		1,318	485	452	90.7	90.6	111	122	161	156			
1933	2,319	2,163		1,202	468	431	81.9	79.1	106	118	158	152			
1934				1,076	449		78.1	74.4	108	110	138	141			
					430		74.7	70.2	105		131	126			
					(d)		(d)	(d)	(b)	(b)	129	117			
1934											(g)	115			
March	2,250	2,090			448		73.8	69.2	105	101	130	115			
April	2,206	-			447		73.7	69.1	105	101	130	115			
May	2,209	2,058			424		69.8	66.4	104	100	129	115			
June	2,214	-			419		69.1	65.1	105	102	129	115			
July	2,217	-			420		69.1	65.0	104	100	129	115			
August	2,222	-			416		68.8	64.6	104	100	129	114			
September	2,226	-			416		69.0	65.0	104	100	129	114			
October	2,226	-			418		69.2	65.4	105	101	129	114			
November	2,263	-			421		69.8	66.4	105	101	129	115			
December	2,271	-			424		70.1	66.9	105		129	114			
1935															
January	2,401				421		69.8	66.5	105		128	113			
February					423		68.9		104		127	112			
March									104		127	112			

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December. (d) Average from 16th of previous month to 15th of current month. (e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (h) July. (i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years. First of following month.

COUNTRY	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	ESTONIA	LITHUANIA
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Cost of Living 42 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Cost of Living 84 Towns
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1911-13	Jan.-June 1914	1913	1913
1913	100(h)	(j)				100	100
1914		100(h)					
1918		219(h)					
1919		257(h)					
1920	300	270(h)	232	217	1,171	104(h)	
1921	277	236(h)	200	184	1,139	98(h)	
1922	231	190(h)	206	171	1,147	115(h)	110
1923	218	174(h)	216	176	1,170	106(h)	136
1924	239	171(h)	211	176	1,212	118	151
1925	243	176(h)	184	176	1,147	118	141
1926	206	172(h)	177	161(c)	154(f)	106	141
1927	186	169(h)	177	163	158	105	141
1928	173(a)	173(h)	175	166	161	112	145
1929	166	169(h)	173	166	160	120	142
1930	161	164(h)	165	162	162	126	142
1931	153	158(h)	155	150	147	103	117
1932	149	156(h)	155	136	135	91(g)	102
1933	147	153(h)	161	119	134	80	85
1934	148			119	131	77	-
1934 March	(i)	(b)	(b)		128	(d)	
April	145	153	164	-	128	78	76
May	147	-	-	-	127	79	75
June	148	-	-	-	127	79	73
July	148	155	166	-	126	77	73
August	150	-	-	-	126	77	72
September	149	-	-	-	129	75	69
October	149	155	169	-	129	70	66
November	149			140	130	78	66
December	149				133	74	65
1935					131	69	64
January	148	155	169	139	130	67	63
February	149					69	63
March	149						62

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index.
 (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES									
CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE		AFRICA		ASIA		INDO-CHINA		
	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA	PALESTINE	TURKEY	INDIA	DUTCH E.-INDIES	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country	Cost of Living Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living Istanbul	Cost of Living Bombay	Cost of Living Java & Madura	Cost of Living Saigon
Base Period	1914	June 1914	Jan. 1913- July 1914	1914	1914	1914	July 1914	1913	1925
1913	100	1,000(c)	202	100	100	1,000	100(a)	100	
1914	174		237	145			186(a)		
1919	190		196	179			190(a)		
1921	189		176	162	145		177(a)	213	
1922	181		162	135	119		165(a)	173	
1923	177		161	131	117		153(a)	160	216
1924	184		165	133	120		157(a)	167	172
1925	189		160	133	120		157(a)	166	158
1926	187		153	131	118		155(a)	174	166
1927	189		152	131	118		154(a)	160	165
1928	181	3,030	151	131	117		147(a)	148	174
1929	187	2,362	148	131	115	1,361	148(a)	158	158
1930	194	2,241	138	128	110	1,272	140(a)	152	148
1931	205	1,986	132	123	105	1,203	108(a)	106	157
1932	187	1,948	125	118	96	1,172	109(a)	80	152
1933	180			115	99	1,047	103(a)		102
1934				116		1,031			76
1934	(b)	(b)					(d)		
March	186	1,926	125	116	104	1,059	94		
April	186	1,935	124	117	105	1,057	93		
May	183	1,943	123	117	106	1,051	94		
June	181	1,942	125	116	104	1,028	95		60
July	181	1,905	127	116	103	1,031	97		
August	183	1,965	128	116	104	1,026	97		
September	181	2,042	132	116	103	988	100		59
October	186	2,089	131	116	104	997	100		
November	189	2,023	130	116	103	993	101		
December	-	1,985	130	116	102	986	99		61
1935									
January	-	1,986	128	116	-	975	98		
February	--	1,965	129	116	-	965	99		
March									

(a) July. (b) Middle of Month. (c) June. (d) Average from sixteenth of current month to fifteenth of following month.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES									
CONTINENT COUNTRY	A S I A			O C E A N I A			SOUTH AMERICA		
	CHINA			AUSTRALIA			PERU		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living			Cost of Living			Cost of Living		
	Peiping	Shanghai	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living 30 Towns	Foods and Groceries 30 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago
Base Period	1927	1926	July, 1914	1923-1927	1923-1927	1926-1930	1913	1913	1928
1913									
1914			100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	100	100	
1919						91.2	104	107	
1920						101.9	188	188	
1921						103.4	210	208	
1922						95.2	199	183	
1923						95.9	190	174	
1924						98.4	180	166	
1925						100.4	187	168	
1926	102.0	100.0				103.0	200	179	
1927	100.0	106.7				102.6	201	182	
1928	101.6	102.5				98.3	194	177	
1929	106.5	107.9				100.4	181	161	(116)
1930	109.6	121.8				101.3	177	159	119
1931	95.8	125.9				97.4	169	157	115
1932	91.2	119.1				84.4	158	148	103
1933	81.0	107.2				77.5	151	143	114
1934	79.5	106.2				71.3	150		
1934							(b)	(b)	
March	76.6	98.9				(b)	148	145	
April	79.2	92.0				76.9	137	145	
May	74.8	98.5				77.7	148	145	
June	75.1	98.5				78.0	149	145	
July	78.7	106.9				77.8	151	149	
August	85.6	115.7				78.0	150	148	
September	85.2	118.1				77.4	154	155	
October	83.8	113.3				77.1	152	151	
November	79.3	108.8				77.1	152	152	
December	79.5	110.4				78.0	154	153	
1935						79.2	150	146	
January	83.2	110.9				80.1	150	143	
February	84.0	109.0				82.1	151	145	
March	82.9	104.8							

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating.

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RECENT WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1935.

GENERAL: A firm tendency was apparent in wholesale price levels during the second quarter of 1935. In most countries whose currencies fluctuate in line with the £ sterling, moderate advances occurred in wholesale price index numbers. The same was true of countries maintaining modified or recently devalued gold standards. Considerable increases were observed in Belgium and Italy, and further appreciation took place in the United States. There was little change within the European gold "bloc", except in the case of France where gradual declines were recorded. Chinese indexes also pointed to a moderate recession, while price levels in Japan fluctuated within narrow limits.

UNITED KINGDOM: (1930=100) The Board of Trade wholesale price index number for the United Kingdom was 88.4 for June as compared with 86.9 for March and 88.3 for January. The most pronounced price movements in the second quarter were among foods, with cereals and meats, fish, and eggs declining, while other foods advanced. Metals and wool also moved higher, although cotton prices declined.

UNITED STATES: (1926=100) The first appreciable let-up in the long gradual advance in wholesale prices which began in March 1933 became apparent in June 1935. A slight decline in this month was followed by another of equal proportions in July, the first occasion since the end of 1933 that decreases have occurred in two successive months. The July number of 79.4 compared with indexes of 80.2 in May, and 78.8 in January. The disparity between Canadian and United States wholesale price levels is now greater than it has been for many years since the Canadian index failed to follow the nine point rise of the official American series in 1934 and 1935. The reaction in June and July was chiefly attributed to lower quotations for farm products and foods.

FRANCE: (1913=100) The active pursuit of its deflationary programme by the French government was accompanied by a further slight decline in wholesale prices. This was most marked in the case of animal products; particular efforts it is said have been made to establish lower meat prices. It is of interest to note that animal product indexes advanced during the second quarter in nearby countries. Index numbers for January, March, and June were 350, 335, and 330 respectively.

GERMANY: (1913=100) Slight gains were recorded by the official German whole-sale index during the second quarter, as indicated by the numbers of 100.7 for March and 101.2 for June. The gradual advance in German wholesale price levels since the beginning of 1933 has been mainly in the field of consumers' goods. At the beginning of 1934 indexes for consumers' and producers' goods were in approximate equilibrium, but a steady rise since that time in the consumers' group had carried it more than 10 points above the producers' index by July 1935 (Producers' 113.1 and Consumers' 123.8).

BELGIUM: (April 1914=100) Devaluation in the belga of 28 p.c. at the end of March was followed in the second quarter of 1935 by an advance of over 19 p.c. in the Belgian wholesale price index. This movement was shared by the majority of commodities, glass and tobacco being noteworthy exceptions. The index fell from 472 in January to 464 in March and then rose to 555 for June.

ITALY: (1913=100) Prices continued to move upward in the second quarter following substantial gains in the first three months of 1935. Vegetable products, textiles and minerals led the advance, while animal products, chemicals and building materials showed reactions in May. The general index for that month was 302.3 as compared with 288.3 in March, and 277.2 in January.

JAPAN: (1913=100) The Bank of Japan's wholesale price index receded gradually from 139.1 in February to 136.2 in June. Its highest point since the devaluation of the yen at the end of 1931 was 139.8, reached in January 1933.

RECENT COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1935.

For the great majority of countries, cost of living indexes showed appreciable advances in the second quarter of 1935, due mainly to higher food prices. Seasonal declines in heating and lighting costs acted as a check upon the rising tendency in foods. For a limited number of countries, including the United Kingdom, France, Switzerland and Japan, June cost of living indexes were slightly lower than those for March, but in most of these, June indexes reflected firmness apparent elsewhere at an earlier date.

UNITED KINGDOM: (July 1914=100) The only group to register variations of any consequence in the Ministry of Labour series for the United Kingdom in the second quarter was foods. An index for this section declined from 125 in January to 118 in May, and then recovered to 120 for June. Corresponding numbers for the general index were 143, 139, and 140 respectively.

UNITED STATES: (1923=100) The National Industrial Conference Board index for the United States moved gradually lower from 83.2 in April to 82.7 in June (82.6 in July). It was 81.6 in January. The recent decline was attributable to lower prices for foods, clothing and fuel and lighting costs. Shelter costs and prices for sundry items required by the household advanced slightly.

FRANCE: (1914=100) Retail price indexes for Paris showed moderate reductions in the second quarter, with declines for foods and fuels being of greater consequence than those in other groups. The June index of 438 compared with figures of 447 and 460 for March and January respectively.

GERMANY: (1913-14=100) Higher prices for foods were chiefly responsible for continuation of a persistent advance in the official German cost of living index. Minor increases occurred also for clothing and miscellaneous items. In spite of the sustained rise the July index of 124.3 was only 7.7 points above the depression low touched in March and April, 1933. Indexes for January, March and June 1935, were 122.4, 122.2, and 123.0 respectively.

ITALY: (June 1927=100) Gradual increases in food prices were the principal factor in a moderate second quarter advance in the cost of living index for 30 Italian cities. The June number of 71.7 compared with indexes of 70.0 for March and 69.7 for January. The lowest point reached in the lengthy decline ending in 1934 was 68.8 for August of that year.

JAPAN: (July 1914=100) The retail price index for Tokyo varied little during the seven months ended July 1935. A gentle decline was registered by foods and fuels, with clothing and miscellaneous items showing little change. The July index of 149.5 compared with numbers of 149.9 for March, and 150.9 for January.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	C A N A D A				U N I T E D S T A T E S				Annalist				
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics				Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun					
	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods						Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods			
Authority	No. of Commodities	567 (c)	236 (d)	402(d)	245(d)	322(d)	200	784 (b)	106	1913	200	1913	72 Series
Base Period		1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1925					1913
1913		64.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	100	120.887	100	100
1914		65.5	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211	101	-
1919		134.0	118.7	139.0	131.5	132.5	138.6	138.6	18.6642	203	230.846	190	-
1920		155.9	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	248.721	205	-
1921		110.0	108.0	112.8	107.5	116.7	97.6	97.6	11.3696	123	170.451	141	-
1922		97.3	95.1	99.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	96.7	12.1185	132	171.660	142	-
1923		98.0	93.7	97.8	91.1	103.1	101.1	100.6	13.4028	146	189.787	157	-
1924		99.4	93.2	99.5	94.8	101.9	98.9	98.1	12.8672	140	189.322	157	-
1925		102.6	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	130.5	13.9445	151	197.694	164	-
1926		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b)100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	157	158.9
1927		97.7	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	155	150.2
1928		96.4	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521	161	144.7
1929		95.6	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	191.043	158	149.0
1930		86.6	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453	144	145.6
1931		72.1	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353	122	127.6
1932		66.7	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303	111	104.1
1933		67.1	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	65.9	7.8557	85	144.661	120	91.0
1934		71.6	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	74.9	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	-
1934													-
July		72.0	73.9	69.3	64.7	73.2	77.9	74.8	9.2351	100	167.156	138	114.4
August		72.2	73.9	70.1	65.3	73.6	78.3	76.4	9.3216	101	167.912	139	117.7
September		71.9	74.1	69.0	64.6	73.8	80.1	77.6	9.4778	103	169.188	140	120.3
October		71.3	73.8	67.9	64.4	73.0	79.1	76.5	9.4566	103	170.032	141	116.3
November		71.1	73.3	68.1	64.3	72.6	78.9	76.5	9.2791	101	168.005	139	116.4
December		71.1	73.2	68.4	64.3	72.7	78.7	76.9	9.2913	101	170.199	141	118.0
1935													
January		71.4	73.4	68.5	64.9	73.7	81.0	78.8	9.4925	103	173.075	143	122.6
February		71.9	74.0	69.3	65.2	74.4	82.0	79.5	9.7800	106	176.770	146	124.3
March		72.0	73.7	69.3	65.5	74.3	81.3	79.4	9.7954	106	176.806	146	123.5
April		72.5	73.5	70.7	66.6	74.3	81.6	80.1	9.6643	105	172.461	145	125.8
May		72.3	73.2	70.6	66.5	73.3	82.3	80.2	9.7965	106	176.231	146	126.0
June		71.5	72.9	69.4	65.1	72.6	82.0	78.9	9.9070	108	174.314	144	123.2
July		71.5	73.1	68.9	65.2	72.8			9.8416	107	171.046	141	
(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January, 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 332, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.													

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CONTINENT		N. AMERICA		SOUTH AMERICA		PERU		CHILE		ARGENTINE		MEXICO		EUROPE		UNITED KINGDOM		FRANCE		GERMANY		
COUNTRY	Authority	Official	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Generale	Statistique Generale	Federal Statistical Office										
No. of	Commodities	32	108	58	150	58	58	45	60	45	126	400										
Base Period		1929	1926	1913	1930	1913	1927	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913										
1913			75.5	100		100		100	100	102	100	100										
1914				104				226.5		100 July		99 July										
1918				212				241.9		346		208 July										
1919				220				295.3		364		339 July										
1920				239	307.3			182.4	251.2(d)	520		1367 July										
1921			108.2	205	197.2			154.1	162.1(d)	352		1428 July										
1922			98.5	190	158.8			151.8	158.6(d)	334		10059 July										
1923			101.8	189	158.9			164.0	169.1(d)	428		7478700 July										
1924			109.5	192	166.2		158.9	159.5	179.3(d)	499		137.3(a)										
1925			110.9	202	159.1		115.7	148.0	152.8(d)	561		141.8										
1926			100.0	203	148.1		143.2	144.0	142.1(d)	718		134.4										
1927			98.1	203	141.6		137.6	141.2	141.9(d)	630		137.6										
1928			98.5	192	140.3		135.1	135.3	137.5(d)	634		140.0										
1929			96.4	186	136.5	(e)100.0	127.2	114.1	128.8(d)	623		137.2										
1930	100.0		92.2	178	87.8		106.8	96.5	103.2(d)	543		124.6										
1931	-		89.0	175	85.6		89.3	94.0	99.5(d)	462		110.9										
1932	-		89.5	170	85.7		86.1	93.7	94.3(d)	407		96.5										
1933	-		85.6	180	85.7		86.9	96.4	98.2(d)	388		93.3										
1934	-		98.4	188	88.1		90.3	97.4				98.4										
1934				(c)			(b)	(b)														
June	94.1		98.3	190	87.9		89.9	94.9	97.6	363		97.2										
July	95.1		99.2	189	87.3		91.0	96.9	99.6	361		98.9										
August	94.2		101.6	191	89.0		92.3	98.1	102.4	363		100.1										
September	95.1		100.6	191	88.4		90.4	96.6	100.1	360		100.4										
October	93.3		98.7	188	87.8		89.7	95.4		352		101.0										
November	93.2		98.5	187	87.5		89.0	95.3		349		101.2										
December	94.8		98.6	185	87.8		90.4	97.4		344		101.0										
1935																						
January	95.2		97.7	186	88.3		91.6	98.4		349		101.1										
February	94.5		96.8	189	88.0		91.3	98.1		349		100.9										
March	94.6		97.1	191	86.9		90.9	97.5		344		100.7										
April	93.4		96.6	191	87.5		91.8	98.9		346		100.8										
May	93.1			190	88.2		94.3	100.2		353		100.8										
June				192	88.4		93.7	98.5		344		101.2										
July					88.0							101.8										
(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) December. (e) Since January 1935, new series 1930=100.																						

EUROPE

CONTINENT	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN
COUNTRY	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Ökonómisk Revue	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Director General of Statistics
Authority	47(b)	78	130	48	100	47	160	23	74
No. of Commodities	47(b)	78	130	48	100	47	160	23	74
Base Period	January-July, 1914	July, 1914	April, 1914	1913	Dec. 31/13-June 30/14	July 1/13-June 30/14	1913	1927	1913
1913				100	100		100		100
1914				109	115	116			101
1919				304	322	330			204
1920				292	382	347	359		221
1921				182	298	211	222		190
1922	99	200.1	366(c)	160	233	162	173		176
1923	124	157.9	367	151	233	157	163		172
1924	136	169.9	497	156	269	155	162		183
1925	136	171.2	573	155	251	157	161		188
1926	123	160.5	558	145	196	144	149		181
1927	133	144.5	744	148	167	141	146	100	172
1928	130	142.2	847	149	157(e)	144	148	104	167
1929	130	144.6	843	142	149	134	140	100	171
1930	117	141.2	851	117	137	115	122	88	172
1931	109	126.5	744	97	122	105	111	90	174
1932	112	109.7	626	79	122	101	109	74	173
1933	108	96.0	532	74	122	100	107	57	
1934	110	89.8	472	78	124		114	51	
June	110	89.0	472	76	126	107	114	51	
July	110	88.9	471	77	125	108	114	51	
August	110	89.8	474	78	127		114	52	
September	108	89.1	470	77	128		114	52	
October	108	89.6	467	77	127		114	52	
November	109	89.4	466	77	127		115	52	
December	109	89.0	468	78	128		115	51	
1935									
January	110	88.3	472	78	128		115	52	
February	109	87.6	466	77	129		115	52	
March	109	86.4	464	75	130		115	53	
April	109	87.1	531	76	130		115	53	
May	110	87.6	552	75	125		115		
June	111	88.6	555	75	126		116		

(a) End of month. (b) No. of Commodities changed from 42 to 47. (c) Average of 5 months. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month.

EUROPE																									
COUNTRY		ITALY		POLAND		FINLAND		LITHUANIA		LATVIA		YUGOSLAVIA		GREECE		ESTONIA		BULGARIA		HUNGARY		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		TURKEY	
Authority	Bachi	Milan	Chamber of Commerce		Commerce		Official	Official	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official	Official	Official	Official	Official	
No. of	150	125	238	135	139	88	61	55	60	44	55	52	126	52	1913-1914		1913		1914		1913-1914		1913-1914		
Commodities	1913	1913	1928	1913	1926	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913- July 1914	1913	1914	1914	1913	1914	1913-1914		1913		1914		1913-1914		1913-1914		
Base	100	100		100		100	100			100	100	100			100		100		100 July		100 July		100 July		
1913																									
1914				103																					
1920				1183																					
1921	531	517(e)		1263																					
1922	508	529		1219																					
1923	512	536		1095																					
1924	512	554		1100																					
1925	596	646		1129																					
1926	603	656		1088		134																			
1927	495	527		1133		134																			
1928	462	491	100.0	1110	100	134																			
1929	445	481	96.3		98	129	128.6																		
1930	383	411	85.5		90	108	119.9																		
1931	328	342	74.6		84	94	101.9																		
1932	304	310	65.5		90	76	85.1																		
1933	280	283	59.1		89	68	83.7																		
1934			55.8				83.0																		
1934	(a)	(f)	(a)																						
June	272	275	55.8		89		82.0																		
July	270	273	55.9		89		83.0																		
August	271	275	55.8		90		83.0																		
September	270	275	55.0		90		83.0																		
October	272	276	54.5		90		84.0																		
November	274	277	53.6		90		83.0																		
December	276	279	53.5		90		86.0																		
1935																									
January	277	280	52.7		90		88.0																		
February	278	282	52.2		90		87.0																		
March	288	289	52.1		90		86.0																		
April	296	299	52.2		90		85.0																		
May	302		52.8		90																				
June			52.6		90																				

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Since January, 1929, new index. (d) Since March 1934, compiled according to the new gold parity. (e) Average of eight months. (f) Average last week of month.

CONTINENT	COUNTRY	INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES		INDO-CHINA		CHINA		JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
	Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	Statistique Generale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China	Ministry of Industries North-China	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities		72	43	92	37	100	100	154	56	92	180	188	23	
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1926	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
1913		100(a)	100(a)	100	100	68	68		100.0	100.0		100.0		
1914		196	223	98(a)		67	67		95.5	105.6	1053	96.9		231
1919		201	216	248		81	81		235.9	188.9	1782	164.8		216
1920		178	198	279		89	89		259.4	227.9	2092	223.3		173
1921		176	187	191		87	87	104.6	200.4	174.9	1942	160.4		146
1922		172	181	170		90	87	98.6	195.8	161.6	1665	128.4		132
1923		173	182	173		93	90	102.0	199.1	178.7	1598	126.6		143
1924		159	163	173		97	93	97.9	206.5	173.3	1634	128.7		152
1925		148	149	166		100	97	99.3	201.7	169.5	1627	127.6		132
1926		148	147	159	132	103	100	100.0	178.9	168.4	1553	123.3		121
1927		145	146	154	142	108	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478	124.0		120
1928		141	146	149	144	111	108	101.7	170.9	164.7	1492	120.7		116
1929		116	145	148	150	116	111	104.5	166.2	165.7	1488	115.1		104
1930		96	126	134	150	123	116	114.8	137.0	146.7	1449	102.6		97
1931		91	109	105	128	113	123	126.7	115.6	131.3	(e) 1346	99.5		84
1932		87	109	86	117	101	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1297	91.5		70
1933		(b)	98	71	107		101	103.8	135.6	129.5	1308	91.5		87
1934		90	95		101			97.1	134.2		1330	101.7		
1934		90	96	67	99	89	89	(b)		134.5	(c)	-		84
June		89	95	66	99	91	91	95.7	131.9	136.3	1337	98.0		89
July		89	96	67	100	95	95	97.1	131.6	137.9	1336	-		92
August		89	96	67	102	93	93	99.8	133.7	137.2	1342	-		102
September		89	96	67	102	92	92	97.3	135.4	137.2	1337	98.6		99
October		88	95	68	95	93	92	96.1	137.4	137.2	1338			96
November		88	96	67	96	93	93	98.3	136.8	135.1	1340			98
December		88	98	67	95	95	95	99.0	136.8	134.1	1338			
1935														
January		94	100	67	95	96	96	99.4	137.1	134.1	1345	95.5		100
February		90	99	66	95	97	97	99.9	139.1	133.4	1360	-		100
March		87	98	65	94	96	96	96.4	138.6	132.6	1365	-		96
April		88	98	65	95	95	95	95.9	137.7	132.7	1367	92.8		92
May		91	99	65	95	95	95	95.0	137.8		1371			92
June					95			92.1						94
July														

(a) Mid of month. (c) Beginning of month. (d) Average

months only. (e) Revised calendar, 1934

Average

CONTINENT		NORTH AMERICA		CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		EUROPE			
Nature of Index	Foods	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics-Industrial		National Conference Board Cost of Living		Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns		Paris	
		Cost of Living	1926	Cost of Living	1923(a)	1923	Board Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living
Base Period	1926	1926	1923(a)	1923	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913	(c)	(c)	68.4	60.2	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	70.0	104.5	230	226	230	226	191	188	291	260	291	260	342
1919	122.5	107.2	127.3	119.4	176	183	176	183	188	184	386	371	386	371	309
1920	141.1	124.2	139.1	102.7	169	174	169	174	190	186	374	337	374	337	296
1921	107.9	109.2	104.8	97.3	170	175	170	175	193	190	317	301	317	301	334
1922	91.4	100.0	96.8	100.0	171	176	171	176	193	190	349	332	349	332	369
1923	92.1	100.0	100.0	101.5	157	166	157	166	169	174	406	380	406	380	400
1924	90.7	98.0	99.8	103.8	154	164	154	164	169	176	450	425	450	425	505
1925	94.7	99.3	107.7	103.8	145	158	145	158	160	171	571	554	571	554	514
1926	100.0	100.0	109.8	101.6	130	147	130	147	147	161	551	556	551	556	519
1927	98.1	98.4	106.4	100.4	125	143	125	143	141	157	537	549	537	549	556
1928	98.6	98.9	105.6	100.0	(e)	140	(e)	140	131	151	609	102.2(h)	609	102.2(h)	581
1929	101.0	99.9	107.2	100.0	122	141	122	141	(f)	(f)	(b)	(f)	(b)	(f)	569
1930	98.6	99.2	100.6	96.2	123	142	123	142	134	152	470	77.0	470	77.0	526
1931	77.3	89.6	83.1	86.7	126	143	126	143	143	157	501	82.9	501	82.9	520
1932	64.3	81.4	69.9	77.7	127	144	127	144	143	157	461	75.1	461	75.1	(d)
1933	63.7	77.7	68.1	74.8	127	144	127	144	144	157	461	73.9	461	73.9	511
1934	69.4(e)	78.7(e)	(f)	(f)	125	143	125	143	136	153	494	72.9	494	72.9	494
1934 July	68.4	78.2	75.2	79.1	124	142	124	142	136	153	494	70.5	494	70.5	494
August	69.3	78.5	76.5	79.6	122	141	122	141	139	151	490	69.4	490	69.4	490
September	68.8	78.8	79.9	81.0	118	139	118	139	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
October	69.4	79.1	79.1	80.9	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
November	69.9	79.3	78.8	80.8	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
December	69.3	78.9	78.4	80.8	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
1935	68.8	78.8	81.1	81.6	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
January	69.2	78.9	83.5	82.4	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
February	69.5	78.8	83.3	82.4	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
March	68.6	78.6	85.4	83.2	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
April	68.7	78.7	85.1	82.9	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
May	69.3	78.8	84.2	82.7	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
June	69.3	78.8	84.2	82.7	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490
July	69.3	78.8	84.2	82.7	120	140	120	140	140	151	490	67.8	490	67.8	490

(a) Original base, 1913-100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (b) Monthly average. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns, 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929: 29 foodstuffs.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA	
	Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods Warsaw Living	Cost of Living	Foods Prague Living	Cost of Living	Foods 44 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods Budapest Living	Cost of Living	Foods Towns	Cost of Living
Base	1913/1914	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	1928	1928	1928	1928	1928	1928	1928
Period	1913	1914	1913	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914
1913														
1914														
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)	100											
1921	1250(g)	1491(g)	90											
1922	5392(g)	6836(g)	106											
1923	3765100(g)	4651000(g)	127											
1924	(e)127.6	(a)126.3	137											
1925	139.8	147.8	171											
1926	141.2	144.4	203											
1927	147.6	151.9	207											
1928	151.7	152.3	218											
1929	153.8	154.5	209											
1930	147.3	142.9	176											
1931	135.9	127.6	150											
1932	120.9	112.3	182											
1933	118.5	109.9												
1934														
1934														
June	121.5	115.5	134											
July	122.9	117.8	137											
August	123.3	118.5	143											
September	122.5	116.7	149											
October	122.0	119.3	150											
November	122.3	119.5	144											
December	122.2	119.1	142											
1935														
January	122.4	119.4	173											
February	122.5	119.5	170											
March	122.2	118.8	165											
April	122.3	119.0	167											
May	122.8	120.2	169											
June	123.0	120.6	173											
July	124.3	122.9	175											

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (f) Average for last seven months. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931: old series 100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931: excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930: 65 towns, 1931-32: 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES											
CONTINENT		EUROPE									
COUNTRY		ROMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY		AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
Nature of Index		Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods 3 Towns	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living 50 Towns	Foods 50 Towns	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna
Base Period		1913	1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	June, 1927	June, 1927	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000(h)	(e)	(e)			100(h)	100(h)
1914											
1919											
1920											
1921		1,305(i)				541	559			2,374	57,600
1922		1,708				501	515			4,828	539,783
1923		2,500				494	499			15,476(c)	1250,108
1924		2,985				527	528			460,733	1480,583
1925		3,250				611	622			74(a)	1612,150
1926		3,552				654	655			88	116(a)
1927		3,855				588	559			97	
1928		3,964				530	517			103	
1929		4,244				545	543			106	
1930		(4,206)	(4,046)	1,654	1,318	530	519	92.2	93.7	108	
1931		3,004(j)	2,796(j)	1,523	1,202	485	452	93.9	96.0	111	
1932		2,512	2,323	1,374	1,076	468	431	90.7	90.6	111	
1933		2,319	2,163	1,191		449		81.9	79.1	106	
1934				1,114		430		78.1	74.4	108	
				(k)		(d)		74.7	70.2	105	
1934								(d)	(d)	105	
June		2,214	-	1,134	-	419	-	69.1	65.1	(b)	102
July		2,217	-	1,106	-	420	-	69.1	65.0		100
August		2,222	-	1,091	-	416	-	58.8	64.6		100
September		2,226	-	1,073	-	416	-	69.0	65.0		101
October		2,226	-	1,070	-	418	-	69.2	65.4		101
November		2,263	-	1,081	-	421	-	69.7	66.4		
December		2,271	-	1,090	-	424	-	69.9	66.9		
1935											
January		2,401		1,103		421		69.7	66.5	105	102
February		2,471		1,098		423		69.9	66.7	104	100
March		2,530		1,098		423		70.0	66.9	104	100
April		2,556		1,104		425		70.9	68.5	103	101
May				1,112				71.3	68.8	104	101
June								71.7	69.5	106	101
July											
Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December, (d) Average from 16th of previous month 1915th of current month. (e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (h) July. (i) 1921-1929, 41 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years. First of following month.											

(a) Gold index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December, 1929. (d) Average from 16th of previous month 1931, 15th of current month. (e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (h) July. (i) 1921-1929. (j) 71 towns, excluding rent. (k) Since 1931, new method of calculation. (l) 1930 figures are not comparable with other years. First of following month.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	E U R O P E									
	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns
	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1911-13	1911-13	Jan.-June 1914	Jan.-June 1914
Base Period	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1911-13	1911-13	1914	1914
1913										
1914	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)						
1918			219(h)	258(h)						
1919			257(h)	318(h)						
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)						
1921	277	295	236(h)	231(h)						
1922	231	231	190(h)	178(h)						
1923	218	217	174(h)	158(h)						
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)						
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)						
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)						
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)						
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)						
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)						
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)						
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)						
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)						
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)						
1934	148									
1934	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)						
June	148	132	-	-						
July	148	133	155	123						
August	150	136	-	-						
September	149	135	-	-						
October	149	135	155	125						
November	149	134								
December	149	134								
1935										
January	148	133	155	124						
February	149	134	-	-						
March	149	135	-	-						
April	149	135	155	126						
May	150	136	-	-						
June	150	138	-	-						
July			156	129						

	ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84 Towns
Base Period	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913	100	100			100	100
1914						
1918	85(h)	104(h)				
1919	91(h)	98(h)				
1920	102(h)	115(h)				
1921	94(h)	106(h)				
1922	107	118				
1923	106	118				
1924	105	112				
1925	112	120				
1926	117	126				
1927	104	103				
1928	100(g)	91(g)				
1929	94	80				
1930	88	77				
1931	(d)	(d)				
1932	88	77				
1933	77	77				
1934	77	77				
1935	77	77				
January	88	77				
February	88	77				
March	86	75				
April	85	73				
May	84	72				
June	85	72				
July	85	72				

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index.
 (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES												
CONTINENT	EUROPE			AFRICA			ASIA			INDO-CHINA		
	COUNTRY	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA	PALESTINE	TURKEY	INDIA	DUTCH E. INDIES	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
Base Period	1914	1914	June 1914	Jan. 1913-July, 1914	9 Towns 1914	3 Towns January 1922	Istanbul 1914	Bombay July 1914	Java & Madura 1913	Bombay July 1914	Cost of Living 1913	Cost of Living 1925
1913	100	100	1,000(c)	202	100		1,000	100(a)	100	100(a)	100	1925
1914	174			237	145			186(a)		187(a)		
1919	190			196	179			190(a)		188(a)		
1920	189	184		176	162	88.2		177(a)	213	174(a)	216	
1921	181	177		162	135	76.6		165(a)	173	160(a)	172	
1922	177	174		161	131	79.4		153(a)	160	148(a)	158	
1923	184	188		165	133	83.8		157(a)	167	151(a)	166	
1924	189	195		160	133	82.1		157(a)	166	152(a)	165	
1925	187	191		153	131	77.4		156(a)	160	154(a)	174	100
1926	189	196		152	131	73.7		147(a)	148	143(a)	158	99
1927	176	178	3,030	151	131	69.4	1,381	148(a)	158	145(a)	106	103
1928	181	185	2,362	148	128	61.4	1,272	140(a)	152	136(a)	113	104
1929	187	194	2,241	138	105	55.3	1,203	108(a)	106	100(a)	121	112
1930	196	205	1,990	132	96	56.6	1,172	109(a)	90	102(a)	105	117
1931	187	192	1,948	125	99	54.9	1,047	103(a)	76	95(a)	76	92
1932	180						1,031		85		85	76
1933									78		78	69
1934												60
1934	(b)											
June	181		1,942	125	104	53.7	1,028	(d)		(d)		
July	181		1,905	127	103	54.7	1,031	95		85		
August	183		1,965	128	104	55.2	1,026	97		87		
September	181		2,042	132	103	56.9	988	97		87		59
October	186		2,089	131	104	55.7	997	100		90		
November	189		2,023	130	103	57.1	993	100		91		
December	184		1,985	130	102	56.4	986	101		92		61
1935					102			99		90		
January	184		1,986	128		55.7	975	98		88		62
February			1,965	129		56.0	965	99		90		
March			1,962	129		54.1	953	98		89		
April			1,996	129		54.2	946	98		88		
May			1,975	127			955	100		90		
June				127				101		92		
July												

(a) July. (b) Middle of Month. (c) June. (d) Average from sixteenth of current month to fifteenth of following month.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	ASIA			OCEANIA			NEW ZEALAND			SOUTH AMERICA		
	CHINA			AUSTRALIA			NEW ZEALAND			PERU		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Peiping	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago
Base Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	1923- 1927	1923- 1927	1926- 1930	1913	1913	1928
1913					100 July	100 July	68.7	64.1	70.3	100	100	1928
1914									70.3	104	107	
1919									102.7	188	188	
1920									116.5	210	208	
1921						257	101.3	95.4	113.4	199	183	
1922						228	96.7	94.4	95.8	190	174	
1923						221	99.6	101.1	96.5	180	166	
1924						221	98.0	97.2	100.5	187	168	
1925						218	99.1	100.2	103.0	200	179	
1926						199	100.6	102.7	102.6	201	182	
1927						189	99.7	100.4	98.3	194	177	
1928						184	100.3	98.9	100.4	181	161	
1929						181	102.6	104.7	101.3	177	159	
1930						155	97.1	94.6	97.4	169	157	(116)
1931						136	87.0	83.0	84.4	158	148	119
1932						137	82.8	80.0	77.5	151	143	115
1933						146	80.3	75.4	71.3	148	143	103
1934						149	81.6	79.7	71.3	150	146	114
1934						(b)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
June	75.1	64.5	98.5	75.4	148	162	-	77.7	77.8	151	149	141
July	78.7	68.3	106.9	90.2	147	161	-	77.9	78.0	151	148	142
August	85.6	78.4	115.7	102.8	148	162	81.7	78.9	77.4	150	155	141
September	85.2	77.1	118.1	106.7	149	163	-	79.1	77.1	154	151	143
October	83.8	75.3	113.3	98.9	150	164	-	80.5	77.1	152	152	138
November	79.3	69.2	108.8	89.7	149	164	82.0	79.5	78.0	154	153	143
December	79.5	69.8	110.4	90.4	150	166	-	79.4	79.2	150	146	147
1935												
January	83.2	74.8	110.9	90.8	151	168	-	80.0	79.8	150	143	142
February	84.0	75.4	109.0	91.0	151	169	82.4	79.8	82.1	151	145	136
March	82.9	74.4	104.8	85.7	150	166	-	79.5	81.9	152	148	138
April	82.0	73.8	106.1	88.6	149	165	-	79.5	82.4	151	145	139
May	84.2	76.4	105.6		150	166	-	80.2	82.9	152	148	140
June	84.2	76.5	105.9		148	163	-			152	148	
July					150	165	-			153		

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating.

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RECENT WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1935.

GENERAL: The third quarter of 1935 witnessed a further gradual advance in commodity price levels. The movement was broader than in the earlier months of the year, including within its sweep the European gold 'bloc' as well as countries whose currencies are linked with the £ sterling, and the United States. Higher prices for animal products and textiles led the advance, although in many areas, increases were general in all the more important commodity groups. The only group in which declines commonly occurred was that of vegetable products which is dominated by cereal grains.

UNITED KINGDOM: (1930=100) A gradual increase in the third quarter carried the Board of Trade wholesale index to the highest point reached during the recovery movement. It was 89.6 for September as compared with 88.4 in June, and 86.9 in March, the low point of the year. Practically all commodity groups contributed to the autumn advance, the lead being taken by cereals and meats.

UNITED STATES: (1926=100) A slight reaction of two months duration was followed in August and September by a resumption in the advance of prices which commenced in March 1933. The recent gains were not general, being limited chiefly to farm products, foods, textiles, and building materials. The fuel and lighting group declined fractionally. General wholesale indexes at the end of each of the first three quarters were - March 79.4, June 79.8, and September 80.7.

FRANCE: (1913=100) At 322 in July, the French wholesale price index was at the lowest level in post-war years. Subsequent recovery to 332 in September, however, placed it close to the average of the preceding months in 1935. This advance which was most pronounced in animal and vegetable products continued into October when the index was 342, and practically approximated in its proportion an earlier advance in 1933, when prices in most parts of the world commenced to move upward. Current indexes, however, are still 10 p.c. below the lowest level of 1933.

GERMANY: (1913=100) The gradual second quarter advance was continued throughout the third quarter, the September index of 102.3 being the highest since December 1931. Vegetable products moved moderately lower, but most other groups registered fractional increases.

BELGIUM: (April 1914=100) Following the first upward reaction in prices after the belga was devalued late in March, the Belgian wholesale index tended to stabilize at a level about 19 p.c. above the extreme low of 464 recorded for March 1935. It moved forward again in September, however, to 560 as compared with 552 in August, foods and metals leading this secondary advance.

ITALY: (1913=100) Further gains for animal products, textiles and metals carried Bachi's wholesale price index for Italy upward to 329.5 for September. This compared with 307.8 in June, and represented a rise of more than 20 p.c. for the first three quarters of 1935.

JAPAN: (1913=100) The Bank of Japan wholesale price index for Tokyo swung upward again in the third quarter of 1935 to reach 142.7, the highest point of an irregular advance which followed devaluation of the yen in December 1931. An earlier peak of 139.8 in January 1933 was followed by a recession that was not terminated until the summer months of 1934. This latest advance has carried the index upward from 131.6 to 142.7.

RECENT COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1935.

Living costs continued to advance during the third quarter of 1935, and for some countries including the United Kingdom, Belgium, and Japan, increases were of substantial proportions. As during the preceding quarter, higher food prices were chiefly responsible for the continued movement upward.

Living cost indexes in many cases are approximately upon a par with those of 1932, although they remain very much lower than in 1929. Within the European gold 'bloc', current levels are considerably below those of 1933, when prices commenced to move upwards in most other countries.

UNITED KINGDOM: (July 1914=100) Sharp increases in food prices and a minor rise in rentals were of greater consequence than moderate declines for fuel and clothing costs between June and September. The Ministry of Labour index mounted from 140 to 143 during this interval.

UNITED STATES: (1923=100) Minor advances in all groups, with the exception of clothing, were responsible for a moderate increase in the National Industrial Conference Board index for the United States. It moved up fractionally from 84.2 in June to 84.8 in September, the highest point reached in the long gradual advance which started from the depression low of 71.5 in April 1933.

FRANCE: (1930=100) A Paris index of retail prices continued downward during the third quarter of 1935, as the result of small reductions for foods, fuels, and clothing. Foods fell from 67.8 to 65.9, fuels from 87.2 to 85.2, and clothing from 59.8 to 57.0. An appreciable upturn in foods and fuels occurred in October.

GERMANY: (1913-14=100) The official German index has changed very little in recent months. It rose gradually from 122.4 in January to 124.5 in August, and then dropped back to 123.4 in September. A decline in the food group from 123.2 to 120.9 was mainly responsible for this reaction.

ITALY: (June 1927=100) The Italian cost of living index for 30 towns has remained practically stationary since June. It was 71.7 for that month and 71.9 in September.

JAPAN: (July 1914=100) Sharp increases in food prices have resulted in a rise in the Tokyo retail price index from 148.3 in June to 154.4 in September. Other budget groups remained practically unchanged.

COUNTRY	Authority	DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS					UNITED STATES				
		General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun	Annalist
No. of Commodities	Base Period	567 (c)	236 (d)	402 (d)	245 (d)	322 (d)	200	784 (b)	106	200	72 Series
1913	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1913	1913	1913
1914	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.0	69.0	9.2115	120.887	100
1915	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	122.211	101
1919	134.0	209.2	118.7	139.0	131.5	132.5	138.6	138.6	18.6642	230.846	190
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	248.721	205
1921	110.0	171.8	108.0	112.8	107.5	113.7	97.6	97.6	11.3696	170.451	141
1922	97.3	152.0	95.1	99.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	96.7	12.1185	171.660	142
1923	98.0	153.0	93.7	97.8	91.1	103.1	101.1	100.6	13.4028	189.787	157
1924	99.4	155.2	93.2	99.5	94.8	101.9	98.9	98.1	12.8672	189.322	157
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	102.8	105.2	130.5	13.9445	197.694	164
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b) 100.0	13.0207	189.398	157
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	95.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	187.092	155
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	194.521	161
1929	95.6	147.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	191.043	158
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	174.453	144
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.7	71.4	73.0	8.7604	174.453	144
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	147.353	122
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	65.9	7.8557	134.303	111
1934	71.6	111.3	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	74.9	(a) 9.2195	144.661	120
1934									(a) 9.2195	(a) 9.2195	(a)
October	71.3	111.4	73.8	67.9	64.4	73.0	79.1	76.5	9.4566	170.932	141
November	71.1	111.1	73.3	68.1	64.3	72.6	70.9	76.5	9.2791	168.005	139
December	71.1	111.1	73.2	68.4	64.3	72.7	78.7	76.9	9.2913	170.199	141
1935											
January	71.4	111.5	73.4	68.5	64.9	73.7	81.0	78.8	9.4925	173.075	143
February	71.9	112.3	74.0	69.3	65.2	74.4	82.0	79.5	9.7800	176.770	146
March	72.0	112.5	73.7	69.3	65.5	74.3	81.3	79.4	9.7954	176.806	146
April	72.5	113.2	73.5	70.6	66.6	74.3	81.6	80.1	9.6643	172.461	143
May	72.3	112.9	73.2	70.6	66.5	73.3	82.3	80.2	9.7965	176.231	146
June	71.5	111.7	72.9	69.3	65.1	72.6	82.0	79.8	9.9070	174.314	144
July	71.5	111.7	73.1	68.7	65.2	72.8	82.1	79.4	9.8416	171.046	141
August	71.6	111.8	73.0	69.2	65.2	72.4	83.8	80.5	9.9185	171.511	142
September	72.3	112.9	73.3	70.2	67.2	72.4	85.1	80.7	10.0085	170.859	141
October	73.1	114.2	74.2	70.6	68.0	73.4					129.2

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and, in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	N. AMERICA		SOUTH AMERICA		UNITED KINGDOM		EUROPE		FRANCE		GERMANY	
	MEXICO	ARGENTINE	CHILE	PERU	ECONOMIST		STATIST		Statistique Générale		Federal Statistic Office	
Authority	Official	Banco de la Nación	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Générale	Statistique Générale	Federal Statistic Office	
No. of												
Commodities	32	108	58	150	58	58	45	60	45	126	400	
Base Period	1929	1926	1913	1930	1913	1927	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913	
1913		75.5	100		100		100	100	102	100	100	99 July
1914			104						100 July			208 July
1918			212						346			339 July
1919			220						364			1367 July
1920		108.2	239	(f) 307.3			226.5	251.2(d)	520			1428 July
1921		98.5	205	197.2			241.9	162.1(d)	352			10059 July
1922		101.8	190	158.8			295.3	158.6(d)	334			7478700 July
1923		109.5	189	158.9			182.4	169.1(d)	428			137.3(a)
1924		110.9	192	166.2		115.7	151.8	179.3(d)	499			141.8
1925		100.0	202	159.1		112.0	164.0	152.8(d)	561			134.4
1926		98.1	203	148.1		104.0	159.5	142.1(d)	718	695		137.6
1927		98.5	203	141.6		100.0	148.0	141.9(d)	630	645		140.0
1928		96.4	192	140.3		98.1	141.2	137.5(d)	634	627		137.2
1929	100.0	92.2	186	136.5		92.4	135.3	128.8(d)	623	554		124.6
1930	-	89.0	178	(e) 100.0		77.6	114.1	103.2(d)	543	502		110.9
1931	-	89.5	175	87.8		89.3	96.5	99.5(d)	462	427		96.5
1932	-	85.6	170	85.6		86.1	94.0	94.3(d)	407	398		93.3
1933	-	98.4	180	85.7		86.9	93.7	98.2(d)	388	376		98.4
1934	-		188	88.1		90.3	96.4		366	(b)		
1934			(c)			(b)	(b)					
September	95.1	100.6	191	88.4		65.7	96.6	100.1	360	365		100.4
October	93.3	98.7	188	87.8		65.2	95.4		352	357		101.0
November	93.2	98.5	187	87.5		64.7	95.3		349	356		101.2
December	94.8	98.6	185	87.8		65.7	97.4		344	344		101.0
1935												
January	95.2	97.7	186	88.3		91.6	98.4		349	350		101.1
February	94.5	96.8	189	88.0		91.3	98.1		349	343		100.9
March	94.6	97.1	191	86.9		90.9	97.5		344	335		100.7
April	93.4	96.6	191	87.5		91.8	98.9		346	336		100.8
May	93.1	96.5	190	88.2		94.3	100.2		353	340		100.8
June	93.6	96.1	192	88.4		93.7	98.5		344	330		101.2
July	95.5	95.5	191	88.0		93.0	99.2		334	322		101.8
August	94.8		189	88.4		96.1	98.9		343	330		102.4
September			187	89.6		69.9			346	333		102.3
October												

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) December. (e) Since January 1935, new series, 1930=100.

(f) 1920-29, base 1913=100

COUNTRY	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	SPAIN	GERMANY	OFFICIAL	SPAIN
Authority	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labor Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Economic Revenue	Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities	47 (b)	78	130	48	100	47	160	118	74
Base Period	January - July, 1914	July, 1914	April, 1914	1913	Dec. 31/13 - June 30/14.	July 1/13 - June 30/14	1913	1913	1913
1913		100 April	100 April	100	100		100	100	100
1914				109	115	116			101
1919				304	322	330			204
1920				292	382	347	359		221
1921			366 (c)	182	298	211	222		190
1922	99	200.1		160	233	162	173		176
1923	124	157.9		151	233	157	163		172
1924	136	169.9		156	269	155	162		183
1925	136	171.2		155	251	157	161		188
1926	123	160.5		145	196	144	149		181
1927	133	144.5		148	160	141	146		172
1928	130	142.2		149	155	144	148		167
1929	130	144.6		142	148	144	140		171
1930	117	141.2		117	138	134	122	100	172
1931	109	126.5		97	123	115	111	88	174
1932	112	96.0		79	125	105	109	90	173
1933	108	91.0		74	124	101	107	74	159
1934	110	89.8		78	126	100	114	51	163
1934	(d)	(a)	(f)					(a)	
September	108	89.1	470	77	127		114	135	160
October	108	89.6	467	77	127		114	135	162
November	109	89.4	466	77	127		115	136	163
December	109	89.0	468	78	128		115	135	165
1935									
January	110	88.3	472	78	128		115	135	168
February	109	87.6	466	77	129		115	135	165
March	109	86.4	464	75	130		115	132	
April	109	87.1	531	76	130		115	132	
May	110	87.6	552	75	131		115	131	
June	111	88.6	555	75	132		116	130	
July	112	89.9	553	74	133		116	131	
August	111	91.4	552	73	133		115	134	
September	110	92.2	560	75	133		115	136	

(a) End of month. (b) No. of Commodities changed from 42 to 47. (c) average of 5 months. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month.

COUNTRY		EUROPE											
Authority	Italy	Poland	Finland	Lithuania	Latvia	Yugoslavia	Greece	Estonia	Bulgaria	Hungary	Czechoslovakia	Turkey	
	Milan Chamber of Commerce	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official	
No. of Commodities	150	238	135 139	88	61	55	60	44	55	52	126	52	
Base Period	1913	1928	1913 1926	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913-July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914	1913-1914	
1913	100		100 103 1183 1263 1219 1095 1100 1129 1088 1133 1110	100	100			100	100	100	100 July		
1914													
1920													
1921	531		(d)	134		100.0		113	2,947	122			
1922	508		101	134	128.6	103.4		114	3,017	138			
1923	512		102	134	119.9	106.2		116	3,237	140			
1924	512		98	129	101.9	100.6		124	3,447	124			
1925	596		90	108	86.6			114	2,788	124			
1926	603		84	94	72.9			114	2,332	132			
1927	495		90	76	85.1			121	2,071	135			
1928	462	100.0	89	68	83.7			117	1,821	121(c)			
1929	445	96.3			83.0		1,811	102	1,873	96		1262	
1930	383	85.5					1,646	91	(f)	95		1296	
1931	328	74.6					1,471	83	84.0	92		1316	
1932	304	65.5					1,766	85	83.8	76		1000	
1933	280	59.1					1,997	85	84.2	79		859	
1934	273	55.8					1,969	85	84.2	(a)		738	
1934	(a)	(a)							84.5	83		648	
September	270	55.0	90		83.0	63.2	2,001	81	84.0	83			
October	272	54.5	90		84.0	63.6	2,005	82	83.8	82		681	
November	274	53.6	90		83.0	62.7	1,994	82	84.2	83		706	
December	276	53.5	90		86.0	62.3	1,994	83	84.2	84		731	
1935												736	
January	277	52.7	90		88.0	64.5	1,996	83	84.5	86		734	
February	278	52.2	90		87.0	63.9	1,986	83	85.1	86		725	
March	288	52.1	90		86.0	63.0	1,998	82	85.3	85		709	
April	296	52.2	90		85.0	62.9	1,987	80	84.9	86		682	
May	302	52.7	90		85.0	64.0	1,974	81	85.7	88		674	
June	308	52.6	90		85.0	63.9	1,966	82	86.1	87		680	
July	310	52.9	90		85.0	63.3	1,986	81	86.0	90			
August	323	53.6	90			64.8	1,998	83	86.0	89			
September	330	54.2	91			67.8			85.6	92			
October									85.6				

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Since January, 1929, new index. (d) Since March 1934, compiled according to the new gold parity.
(e) Average of eight months. (f) Average of last week of month.

CONTINENT	COUNTRY	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	AFRICA
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	Statistique generale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	37	154	56	92	180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914
1913			100	100		100.0	100.0		100.0	
1914	100(a)	100(a)	98(a)			95.5	105.6	1053	96.9	231
1919	196	223	248	67		235.9	188.9	1782	164.8	216
1920	201	216	279	81		259.4	227.9	2092	223.3	173
1921	178	198	191	89	104.6	200.4	174.9	1942	160.4	146
1922	176	187	170	87	98.6	195.8	161.6	1665	128.4	132
1923	172	181	173	89	102.0	199.1	178.7	1598	126.6	143
1924	173	182	173	90	97.9	206.5	173.3	1634	128.7	152
1925	159	163	166	93	99.3	201.7	169.5	1627	127.6	132
1926	148	149	159	97		178.8	168.4	1553	123.3	120
1927	148	147	148	100	100.0	169.8	167.0	1478	115.1	104
1928	145	146	144	103	104.4	170.9	164.7	1492	102.6	97
1929	141	145	148	108	101.7	166.2	165.7	1488	91.5	84
1930	116	126	134	111	104.5	137.0	146.7	1449	101.7	70
1931	96	109	105	116	114.8	115.6	131.3	(e) 1346	99.5	87
1932	91	109	86	123	126.7	121.7	129.7	1297	91.5	102
1933	87	98	71	113	112.4(d)	135.6	129.5	1308	98.6	99
1934	(b)	95	67	101	103.8	134.2	135.2	1330	-	96
September	89	96	67	92	97.1			(c)	-	98
October	89	95	68	93	(b)	135.4	137.2	1337	95.5	100
November	88	96	67	92	97.3	137.4	137.2	1338	-	100
December	88	98	67	93	96.1	136.8	135.1	1340	-	96
1935	88	98	67	95	98.3	136.8	134.1	1338	-	92
January	94	100	67	95	99.0		134.1	1345	92.8	92
February	90	99	66	96	99.4	137.1	134.1	1360	-	94
March	87	98	65	97	99.9	139.1	133.4	1365	-	95
April	88	98	65	96	96.4	138.7	132.6	1367	95.0	96
May	91	99	66	95	95.9	137.8	132.7	1371	-	92
June	91		65	96	95.0	137.8	134.0	1383	-	92
July	91		65	95	92.1	136.2	134.7	1395	-	94
August	89			94	90.5	136.2	135.9	1403	95.0	95
September	89			92	91.9	138.2				96
October	89			92	91.1	142.7				

(a) July, (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Average for ten months only. (e) Revised since January, 1931. (f) Monthly average.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		FRANCE	
	CANADA		Bureau of Labor Statistics		Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns	
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Labor Statistics		Foods		Cost of Living		Foods	
	Cost of Living		Foods		Foods		Cost of Living		Foods	
Base Period	1926	1926	1923(c)	1923	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913	(c)	(c)	68.4	60.2	100 July	100 July	100 July	(g) (i)	100 July	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	70.0	104.5				291	260	260
1919	122.5	107.2	127.3	119.4				386	371	342
1920	141.1	124.2	139.1	102.7				374	337	309
1921	107.9	109.2	104.8	97.3				317	301	296
1922	91.4	100.0	96.8	100.0				349	332	334
1923	92.1	100.0	99.8	101.5				406	380	369
1924	90.7	98.0	107.7	103.8				450	425	400
1925	94.7	99.3	109.8	103.8				571	554	505
1926	100.0	100.0	106.4	101.6				551	556	514
1927	98.1	98.4	105.6	100.4				537	549	519
1928	98.6	98.9	107.2	100.0				609	102.2(h)	556
1929	101.0	99.9	100.6	96.2				609	100.0	581
1930	98.6	99.2	83.1	86.7				605	98.8	569
1931	77.3	89.6	69.9	77.7				535	87.6	526
1932	64.3	81.4	68.1	74.8				501	82.9	520
1933	63.7	77.7	75.9	72.4				(b)	78.0	(d)
1934	69.4	78.7	(e)	(f)				461	75.7	-
1934	(e)	(g)	79.1	80.9				-	75.1	504
October	69.4	79.1	78.8	80.8				-	73.9	-
November	69.9	79.3	78.4	80.8				-	72.9	-
December	69.3	78.9	81.1	81.6				-	72.7	494
1935	68.8	78.8	83.5	82.4				-	70.5	-
January	69.2	78.8	83.3	82.4				-	69.4	-
February	69.5	78.8	85.4	83.2				-	69.0	-
March	68.6	78.6	85.1	82.9				-	67.8	490
April	68.6	78.6	84.2	82.7				-	66.6	-
May	68.7	78.6	83.3	83.0				-	65.4	-
June	69.3	78.8	83.7	83.5				-	65.9	-
July	69.3	78.8	-	-				-	-	-
August	71.3	79.4	-	-				-	-	-
September	70.9	79.6	-	-				-	-	-
October	72.4	80.4	-	-				-	-	-

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2 (b) Monthly average. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter.
(e) First of month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns, 503. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs.

COUNTRY	GERMANY	BELGIUM	POLAND	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	GREECE	HUNGARY	BULGARIA
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Cost of Living Warsaw	Cost of Living Prague	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Cost of Living 12 (67) Towns(n)
Base Period	1913/1914	1921	1928	July, 1914	1914	1913	1914
1913				July, 1914			
1914				(d)	(m)	100	100
1920	1065(g)	100		100(g)	398		100
1921	1250(g)	93		769(f)	636		1,766
1922	5392(g)	109		787	1,181		2,337
1923	3765100(g)	128		827	1,235		2,399
1924	(a) 127.6	136		800	1,414		2,705
1925	139.8	165		850	1,633	145(j)	3,024
1926	141.2	203		842	1,790	132	2,813
1927	147.6	208	99.5	813	1,868	155	2,751
1928	151.7	207	100.0	782	1,923	126	2,883
1929	154.0	218	101.4	712	1,682	131	2,992
1930	148.1	228	94.4	677	1,773	105	2,439
1931	136.1	204	85.9	657	1,903	96	1,913
1932	120.6	184	78.2	633	1,945	91	1,765
1933	118.0	182	71.2	(e)	1,945	81	1,680
1934	121.1		66.5	633	1,945	77	
1934		(k)	(b)	(e)	1,945	(b)	(h)
September	122.5	176	65.7	633	1,943	89	1,898
October	122.0	178	65.6	633	1,993	89	1,832
November	122.3	179	64.2	625	1,952	88	1,711
December	122.2	174	63.5	622	1,955	88	1,840
1935							1,839
January	122.4	173	63.6	620	1,965	88	
February	122.5	170	62.9	625	1,949	89	
March	122.2	165	62.5	629	1,939	89	
April	122.3	167	62.4	630	1,937	89	
May	122.8	169	63.0	643	1,948	89	
June	123.0	173	63.8	679	1,934	90	
July	124.3	175	65.7	685	1,937	93	
August	124.5	177	65.1	686	1,945	94	
September	123.4	182	65.6	671		93	
October		136					

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (f) Average of last seven months. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931: old series 100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931: excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930: 65 towns, 1931-32: 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.

COUNTRY		ROMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY		AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND			
Nature of Index		Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods 3 Towns	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living 50 Towns	Foods 50 Towns	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
Base Period		1913	1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	June, 1927	June, 1927	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
1913		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000(h)	(e)	(e)			100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1914										2,374		222	224
1919										4,828		224	242
1920										15,476(c)	57,600	200	213
1921		1,305(i)				541	559			460,733	539,783	164	163
1922		1,708				501	515			74(a)	1250,108	164	165
1923		2,500				494	499			88	1480,583	169	172
1924		2,985				527	528			97	1612,150	168	169
1925		3,250				611	622			103	116(a)	162	160
1926		3,552				654	655			106	119	160	158
1927		3,855				588	559			108	119	161	157
1928		3,964				530	517	92.2	93.7	111	122	161	156
1929		4,244				545	543	90.7	90.6	111	118	158	152
1930		(4,206)	(4,046)			530	519	81.9	79.1	106	108	150	141
1931		3,004(j)	2,796(j)			485	452	78.1	74.4	108	110	138	126
1932		2,512	2,323			468	431	74.7	70.2	105		131	117
1933		2,319	2,163			449		70.9	66.9	105		129	115
1934		2,235	2,087			430		(d)	(d)	(b)	(b)	(g)	(g)
1934						416	-	69.0	65.0	105	101	129	114
September		2,226	2,080	1,073	-	418		69.2	65.4	105	101	129	114
October		2,226	2,082	1,070		421		69.7	66.4	105		129	115
November		2,263	2,114	1,081		421		69.9	66.9	105		129	114
December		2,271	2,151	1,090		424							
1935													
January		2,401	2,276	1,103		421		69.7	66.5	105		128	113
February		2,471	2,353	1,098		423		69.9	66.7	104		127	112
March		2,530	2,414	1,098		423		70.0	66.9	104		127	112
April		2,556	2,444	1,104		425		70.8	68.4	103		127	111
May		2,594	2,488	1,112		426		71.2	68.7	104		126	111
June				1,116		430		71.7	69.5	106		127	113
July				1,094		430		72.0	69.6	105		128	115
August				1,077		433		71.7	69.1	105		129	116
September								71.9	69.5	105		129	116
October													

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December. (d) Average from 16th of previous month to 15th of current month.
 (e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (h) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (i) Since 1931, new method of calculation.
 1930 figures are not comparable with other years (k) First of following month. (h) July

COUNTRY	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods 100 Localities	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84 Towns
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1911-13	1911-13	Jan.-June 1914	Jan.-June 1914	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913			(j)	(j)							100	100				
1914	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)											100	100
1918			219(h)	258(h)												
1919			257(h)	318(h)												
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)	232	227	202	217	1,171	1,058						
1921	277	295	236(h)	231(h)	200	184	182	184	1,139	1,254						
1922	231	231	190(h)	178(h)	206	189	174	171	1,147	1,143						
1923	218	217	174(h)	158(h)	216	204	177	176	1,170	1,079						
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	211	201	179	176	1,212	1,093						
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	184	160	168(c)	161(c)	154(f)	1,147						
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	177	152	168	163	158	145(f)						
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	175	150	169	166	161	146						
1928	173(a)	168(n)	173(h)	156(h)	173	148	168	162	160	150						
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	165	136	161	150	147	147						
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	155	120	151	136	135	127						
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	155	116	141	119	134	113						
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	155	116	139	119	131	117						
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	161		140	119	128	114						
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	(b)		(b)									
1934	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)												
September	149	135	-	-	(b)											
October	149	135	155	125	-	-	-	-	129	116						
November	149	134			169		140		130	118						
December	149	134							133	123						
1935									131	120						
January	148	133	155	124			139		130	119						
February	149	134	-	-	-	-			129	117						
March	149	135	-	-	-	-			128	116						
April	149	135	155	126	171		137		128	116						
May	150	136	-	-	-				127	114						
June	150	138	-	-	-				128	116						
July	151	140	156	129	172		136		130	119						
August	152	141	-						132	122						
September	152	140	-						132	121						
October			157													

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932.

CONTINENT		EUROPE		AFRICA		ASIA		OCEANIA		AMERICA	
COUNTRY	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA	PALESTINE	TURKEY	INDIA	DUTCH E. INDIES	INDO-CHINA		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living		
Base Period	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914		
1913	100	1,000(c)	202	100	1,000	1,000	100(a)	100	100		
1914	174		237	145			186(a)				
1919	190		196	179			190(a)				
1920	189		176	162			177(a)				
1921	181		162	135	88.2		165(a)	213	216		
1922	177		162	131	76.6		153(a)	173	172		
1923	184		161	133	79.4		157(a)	160	158		
1924	189		165	133	83.8		157(a)	167	166		
1925	187		160	131	82.1		157(a)	166	165		
1926	189		153	131	77.4		156(a)	174	174		
1927	176		152	131	73.7		147(a)	160	158		
1928	181	3,030	151	131	69.4		148(a)	148	148		
1929	187	2,361	148	128	61.4		140(a)	158	157		
1930	194	2,241	123	105	55.3	1,381	108(a)	152	152		
1931	196	2,243	132	96	56.6	1,272	109(a)	106	102		
1932	205	1,986	125	99	54.9	1,203	103(a)	80	76		
1933	192	1,948	127	104		1,047	97(a)		92		
1934	184					1,031	(d)		78		
1934	(b)										
September	181		132	103	56.9	988	100				
October	186		131	104	55.7	997	100				
November	189		130	103	57.1	993	101				
December	184		130	102	56.4	986	99		61		
1935											
January	184		128	102	55.7	975	98				
February	187		129	102	56.0	965	99				
March	183		129	102	54.1	953	98		62		
April	188		129	103	54.2	946	98				
May			127	103	53.9	955	100				
June			127	104	54.0	951	101				
July			130	102		938	101				
August			129								
September											
October											
(a) July.	(b) Middle of Month.	(c) June.	(d) average from sixteen.	of current month to fifteenth of following month.							

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RECENT WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1935

GENERAL: Rising wholesale prices tended to gain impetus during the final quarter of 1935. This was clearly noticeable in the United Kingdom, Sweden, and Japan. Further increases were also recorded by wholesale price indexes for countries still within the European gold "bloc". Advances over 1935 low points by indexes within this area have approximated 9 p.c. for France, over 6 p.c. for Switzerland, and 3 p.c. for the Netherlands. These increases are about two years behind the general advance which became apparent in most countries about the middle of 1933. A recent secondary rise in wholesale prices has placed current price levels in Japan upon a par with those existing early in 1930. This represents a greater recovery than has occurred in any other country with the exception of Chile.

UNITED KINGDOM: (1930=100) Lower grain prices were of less consequence than appreciable advances in other commodity groups. Textiles were firmer and coal prices registered more than seasonal increases. Gains also occurred for fresh meats and eggs, ferrous and non-ferrous metals. The Board of Trade wholesale index mounted from 89.6 in September to 91.4 in December.

UNITED STATES: (1926=100) Price movements were comparatively small during the fourth quarter of 1935. Farm products were slightly weaker, while foods showed little change. Hides and leather registered the only appreciable increase for the quarter, while textiles averaged slightly firmer. The Bureau of Labor Statistics wholesale index advanced from 80.7 in September to 80.9 in December.

FRANCE: (1913=100) Sharp increases for textiles and substantial gains for animal and vegetable products were responsible for the continued advance of French wholesale indexes which commenced to move upward in August. Minerals and metals showed little change. The Statistique Générale index of 126 commodities mounted from 332 in September to 354 in December.

GERMANY: (1913=100) Firmness in practically all commodity groups has been responsible for the continued gradual increase in German wholesale price levels. This movement was of smaller proportions in 1935 than in either of the two preceding years, as indicated by the following indexes: April 1933, 90.7 (depression low), December 1933, 96.2, December 1934, 101.0, December 1935, 103.4.

BELGIUM: (April 1914=100) Further increases occurred in wholesale prices during the fourth quarter despite a fairly general reaction in December. The official Belgian wholesale index rose from 560 in September to 582 in November and then dropped back to 579.

JAPAN: (1913=100) Following a sharp rise from 142.7 in September to 146.6 in October, the Bank of Japan's Tokyo index recorded little change for the balance of the year, the December figure being 145.0.

RECENT COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1935.

The most unusual behaviour among living cost indexes in the final quarter of 1935 was that of the Paris retail series including foods and other household necessities. Following the lead of wholesale prices, this index commenced to advance in September, and subsequently has continued steadily upward. Not since the latter part of 1931 has the Paris index registered more than a small temporary advance. Other cost of living indexes were nearly all slightly higher in the fourth quarter, that for Germany being a noteworthy exception. A moderate reaction in the German index followed an earlier

seasonal increase, duplicating almost exactly movements in 1934.

UNITED KINGDOM: (July 1914=100) Increases within the food and miscellaneous groups were responsible for a rise in the British Ministry of Labour index from 125 in September to 131 in December. Although this advance was partially seasonal it placed the index 3 points above its level in December 1934.

UNITED STATES: (July 1914=100) The National Industrial Conference Board index for the United States mounted from 83.5 in September to 84.8 in December. Food prices were higher, and seasonal advances were noted for fuel. This series was 80.8 for December 1934.

FRANCE: (1930=100) Food prices were mainly responsible for the advance in the Paris retail index during the fourth quarter, although fuel and clothing also were higher. Between September and December, foods rose from 65.9 to 71.8, fuel and light from 85.2 to 88.2, clothing from 57.0 to 57.6, while household articles declined fractionally from 70.8 to 70.6.

GERMANY: (1913-1914=100) September and December German cost of living indexes were identical at 123.4, but October and November indexes were 122.8 and 122.9 respectively. Foods were responsible both for the intervening decline and the December advance. Fractional increases occurred in the clothing group during the quarter.

JAPAN: (July 1914=100) Foods, fuel, and clothing, contributed to the moderate rise in the Tokyo cost of living index between September and December. It mounted from 154.4 to 155.6 during this period.

CONTINENT		N.AMERICA		SOUTH AMERICA		EUROPE				OTHER COUNTRIES	
COUNTRY	Authority	MEXICO	ARGENTINE	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM		FRANCE		GERMANY	
	No. of	Official	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Générale	Federal Statistical Office
Commodities	32		108		58	150	58	45	60		400
Base Period	1929		1926	1913	1913	1930	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913
1913			75.5	100	100		100	100	100	100	100
1914				104				226.5	100 July		99 July
1918				212				241.9	346		208 July
1919				220				295.3	364		339 July
1920				239		(f) 307.3		182.4	251.2(d)		1367 July
1921			108.2	205		197.2		154.1	162.1(d)		1428 July
1922			98.5	190		158.8		151.8	158.6(d)		10059 July
1923			101.8	189		158.9	115.7	164.0	169.1(d)		7478700 July
1924			109.5	192		166.2	112.0	159.5	179.3(d)		137.3(a)
1925			110.9	202		159.1	104.0	148.0	152.8(d)		141.8
1926			100.0	203		148.1	137.6	144.0	142.1(d)		134.4
1927			98.1	203		141.6	135.1	141.2	141.9(d)		137.6
1928			98.5	192		140.3	127.2	135.3	128.8(d)		140.0
1929		100.0	96.4	186		136.5	106.8	114.1	103.2(d)		124.6
1930			92.2	178		100.0	89.3	96.5	99.5(d)		110.9
1931			89.0	175		87.8	86.1	94.0	94.3(d)		96.5
1932			89.5	170		85.6	86.9	93.7	98.2(d)		93.3
1933			85.6	180		85.7	90.3	96.4	376		98.4
1934			93.4	188		88.1	(b)	99.5	(b)		
1934				188		88.9	(b)	(b)			
November		93.2	98.5	187		87.5	89.0	95.3	349		101.2
December		94.8	98.6	185		87.8	90.4	97.4	344		101.0
1935											
January		95.2	97.7	186		88.3	91.6	98.4	349		101.1
February		94.5	96.8	189		88.0	91.3	98.1	340		100.9
March		94.6	97.1	191		86.9	90.9	97.5	344		100.7
April		93.4	96.6	191		87.5	91.8	98.9	346		100.8
May		93.1	96.5	190		88.2	94.3	100.2	353		100.8
June		93.6	96.1	192		88.4	93.7	98.5	344		101.2
July		95.5	95.6	191		88.0	93.0	99.2	330		101.8
August		94.8	95.7	189		88.4	96.1	98.9	322		102.4
September		96.3	96.6	187		89.6	69.9	100.1	343		102.3
October				183		91.1	71.5	100.9	345		102.8
November		95.3		188		91.2	71.3	101.5	353		103.1
December				188		91.4		102.0	357		103.4
(a) Since 1924, new series.											
(f) 1920-29, base 1913=100.											
(e) Since January 1935, new series, 1930=100.											

COUNTRY		AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND		BELGIUM		NETHERLANDS		NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		ALBANIA		SPAIN	
Authority		Federal Statistical Office		Federal Labour Department		Ministry of Industry and Labour		Central Bureau of Statistics		Okonomisk Revue		Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official		Official		Director General of Statistics	
No. of Commodities		47 (b)		78		130		48		100		47	160			23		74	
Base Period		January - July, 1914		July 1914		April 1924		1913		Dec. 21/13 - June 30/14.		July 1/13 - June 30/14	1913		1913	1927		1913	
1913				100 April		100 April		100		100		100	100		100			100	
1914								109		115		116						101	
1919								304		322		330						204	
1920								292		382		347	359					221	
1921								182		298		211	222					190	
1922								160		233		162	173					176	
1923		99				366 (c)		151		233		157	163					172	
1924		124				367		156		269		155	162					189	
1925		136				497		155		251		157	161					188	
1926		136				573		145		196		144	149					181	
1927		123				558		148		160		141	146					172	
1928		133				744		149		155		144	148					167	
1929		130				847		142		148		134	140					171	
1930		130				851		117		138		115	122					172	
1931		117				744		97		123		105	111					174	
1932		109				626		79		125		101	109					159	
1933		112				532		74		124		100	107					163	
1934		108				501		78		126			114						
1935		110				472													
1935		(d)				(f)													
1934		109				468		78		128			115						
December 1935																			
January 1935		110				472		78		128			115						
February 1935		109				466		77		129			115						
March 1935		109				464		75		130			115						
April 1935		109				531		76		130			115						
May 1935		110				552		75		131			115						
June 1935		111				555		75		132			115						
July 1935		112				553		74		133			116						
August 1935		111				552		73		133			116						
September 1935		110				560		75		133			115						
October 1935		109				574		78		134			117						
November 1935		109				582		78		134			118						
December 1935		109				579				134			118						
{a} End of month.		{b} No. of Commodities changed from 42 to 47.		{c} Average of 5 months.		{d} Fifteenth of month.		{e} New series beginning 1928.											
{f} Second half of month.																			

COUNTRY	ITALY	IRELAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
Authority	Bach of Commerce	Milan Chamber of Commerce	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of Commodities	150	238	135	88	61	55	60	44	55	52	126	52
Base	1913	1928	1913	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913- July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July 1914	1913
Period	100		100	100	100			100	100	100	100 July	1914
1913	531	517(e)						113		122		1262
1914	508	529						114		138		1296
1920	512	536						116		140		1316
1921	512	554						124		124		1000
1923	596	646						114		132		859
1924	603	656						121		135		738
1925	495	527						117		121(c)		648
1926	462	491						102		96		
1927	445	481						91		95		
1928	383	411						83		92		
1929	328	342						85		76		
1930	304	310						85		79		
1931	280	283						85		(a)		
1932	273	276						85		(f)		
1933	(a)	(f)						85		(b)		
1934	274	277						82		83		731
1935	276	279						83		84		736
November		53.6	90									
December		53.5	90									
1935												
January	277	52.7	90									734
February	278	52.2	90									725
March	288	52.1	90									709
April	296	52.2	90									682
May	302	52.7	90									674
June	308	52.6	90									680
July	310	52.9	90									704
August	323	53.6	90									717
September	330	54.2	91									725
October		54.5	92									
November		54.4										
December												
(a) End of month.	(b) First of month.	(c) Since January, 1929, new index.	(d) Since March 1934, compiled according to the new gold parity.	(e) Average of eight months.	(f) Average of last week of month.							

COUNTRY	INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA		CHINA		JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay		Statistique Generale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan					
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	37	100	154	56	92		180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1926	1913	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914
1913	100(a)	100(a)	100	100	68		100.0	100.0			100.0	
1914	201	216	98(a)		67		95.5	105.6		1053	96.9	
1920	178	198	279		89		259.4	227.9		2092	223.3	216
1921	176	187	191		89	104.6	200.4	174.9		1942	160.4	173
1922	172	181	170		87	98.6	195.8	161.6		1665	128.4	146
1923	173	182	173		90	102.0	199.1	178.7		1598	126.6	132
1924	159	163	166		93	97.9	206.5	173.3		1634	128.7	143
1925	148	149	159	132	97	99.3	201.7	169.5		1627	127.6	152
1926	148	147	154	131	100	100.0	178.9	168.4		1553	123.3	132
1927	145	146	149	142	103	104.4	169.8	167.0		1478	124.0	121
1928	141	145	148	144	108	101.7	170.9	164.7		1492	120.7	120
1929	116	126	134	150	111	104.5	166.2	165.7		1488	115.1	116
1930	96	109	105	150	116	114.8	137.0	146.7		1449	102.6	104
1931	91	109	86	128	123	126.7	115.6	131.3		(e) 1346	99.5	97
1932	87	98	74	117	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7		1297	91.5	84
1933	89	95	67	107	101	103.8	135.6	129.5		1308	91.5	70
1934	(b)			101	92	97.1	134.2	135.2		1330	101.7	87
1935						(b)	140.2			(c)		
January	94	100	67	95	96	99.4	137.1	134.1		1345	95.5	100
February	90	99	66	95	97	99.9	139.1	133.4		1360	-	100
March	87	98	65	94	96	96.4	138.7	132.6		1365	-	96
April	88	98	65	95	95	95.9	137.8	132.7		1367	92.8	92
May	91	99	66	96	95	95.0	137.8	134.0		1371	-	92
June	91	99	65	95	93	92.1	136.2	134.7		1383	-	94
July	91	100	64	94	92	90.5	136.2	135.9		1395	95.0	95
August	89	99	64	94	92	91.9	138.2	137.7		1403		96
September	89	100	65	94	91.1	91.1	142.7	137.4		1446		92
October	93	100	66	95	94.1	94.1	146.6	137.8		1428		96
November	92			95			146.3					94
December							145.0					

(a) July. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Average for ten months only. (e) Revised since January, 1931. (f) Monthly average.

COUNTRY	GERMANY	BELGIUM	POLAND	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	GREECE	HUNGARY	BULGARIA
Nature of Index Base	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Cost of Living Warsaw	Cost of Living Prague	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Cost of Living
Period	1913/1914	1921	1928	July, 1914	1914	1913	1914
1913			(c)	(d)	(m)	100	100
1914				100(g)	100	100	100
1920	1065(g)	100					1,409
1921	1250(g)	90					1,899
1922	5392(g)	106					1,868
1923	2765100(g)	109		769(f)			2,399
1924	(a) 127.6	128		787			2,705
1925	139.8	136		827			2,057
1926	141.2	165		800			2,339
1927	147.6	203	199.5	850			2,871
1928	151.7	208	100.0	842			2,814
1929	154.0	220	101.4	813			2,751
1930	148.1	228	94.4	782			2,883
1931	136.1	204	83.7	712			2,992
1932	120.6	184	73.9	677			2,439
1933	118.0	182	64.9	657			1,913
1934	121.1		58.0	633			1,765
1935		(k)	(b)	(e)			1,680
1935							(h)
January	122.4	173	63.6	620			1,657
February	122.5	170	48.7	625			1,683
March	122.2	165	48.0	629			1,640
April	122.3	167	47.4	630			1,628
May	123.6	169	47.2	643			1,610
June	123.0	173	48.5	679			1,621
July	124.3	175	49.6	685			1,649
August	124.5	177	52.6	686			1,596
September	123.4	182	51.7	671			1,594
October	122.8	186	52.2	668			1,609
November	122.9	188	52.4	665			1,636
December	123.4	187	51.8				
1936			48.7				
January		187	703				

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (f) Average of last seven months. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931: excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930: 65 towns, 1931-32: 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.

CONTINENT		EUROPE											
COUNTRY		ROMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY		AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND			
Nature of Index		Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods 3 Towns	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living 50 Towns	Foods 50 Towns	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
		1913	1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	June, 1927	June, 1927	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
Base Period		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000(h)	(e)	(e)			100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1913												224	224
1914												242	242
1919												213	213
1920												163	163
1921		1,305(i)				559	559			57,600		165	165
1922		1,708				515	515			539,783		172	172
1923		2,500				494	499			1250,108		169	169
1924		2,935				527	528			1612,150		160	160
1925		3,250				611	622			119		158	158
1926		3,552				654	655			122		156	156
1927		3,855				588	559			118		141	141
1928		3,964				530	517			110		126	126
1929		4,244				545	543					117	117
1930		(4,206)				530	519					115	115
1931		3,004(j)	(4,046)	1,756	1,423	485	452	92.2	93.7			(g)	(g)
1932		2,512	2,796(j)	1,819	1,446	468	431	93.9	96.0				
1933		2,319	2,323	1,523	1,318	449		90.7	90.6				
1934		2,235	2,163	1,374	1,202	430		81.9	79.1				
1935			2,087	1,191	1,076	(d)		78.1	74.4				
1934				1,081				74.7	70.2				
November		2,263	2,114	1,090		421		70.9	66.9				
December		2,271	2,151			424		(d)	(d)				
1935								69.7	66.4				
January		2,401	2,276	1,103		421		69.9	66.9				
February		2,474	2,353	1,098		423		69.7	66.5				
March		2,530	2,414	1,098		423		69.9	66.7				
April		2,556	2,444	1,104		425		70.0	66.9				
May		2,594	2,488	1,112		426		70.8	68.4				
June		2,524	2,400	1,116		430		71.2	68.7				
July		2,540	2,412	1,094		430		71.7	69.5				
August		2,546	2,423	1,077		433		72.0	69.6				
September								71.7	69.1				
October								71.9	69.5				
November													
December													
(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December. (d) Average from 16th of previous month to 15th of current month.													
(e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years (k) First of following month. (h) July.													

COUNTRY	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	ESTONIA	LATVIA	LITHUANIA
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns
Base	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June 1914	Jan.-June 1914	1930	1913
Period	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1914	1930	1913
1913	100(h)	(j)	(j)	1911-13	1914	100	1930	100
1914	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	202	1,171	85(h)		
1918		219(h)	258(h)	182	1,139	91(h)		
1919		257(h)	318(h)	174	1,147	102(h)		
1920		270(h)	287(h)	177	1,170	94(h)		
1921	319	236(h)	231(h)	176	1,212	107		110
1922	277	236(h)	231(h)	161(c)	154(f)	145(f)		136
1923	231	190(h)	178(h)	163	158	106		151
1924	218	174(h)	158(h)	166	161	118		141
1925	239	171(h)	155(h)	168	160	112		141
1926	243	176(h)	163(h)	161	147	117		144
1927	206	172(h)	184	136	135	104		142
1928	186	169(h)	177	119	134	100(g)	100	117
1929	173(a)	173(h)	175	119	128	94	89	102
1930	166	169(h)	173	119	131	88	75	85
1931	161	164(h)	165	119	133	87	72	-
1932	153	158(h)	155	116	133	(d)		
1933	149	156(h)	155	116	133	72		
1934	147	153(h)	161	116	133	72		
1935	148	155(h)	(b)	116	133	72		
1934	(i)	(b)	(b)	116	133	72		
November	149	134			133	85	74	65
December	149	134			131	85	69	64
1935								
January	148	155	169	139	130	86	67	63
February	149	-	-	-	129	87	69	63
March	149	-	-	-	128	87	68	62
April	149	126	171	137	128	87	71	62
May	150	-	-	-	127	86	72	61
June	150	-	-	-	128	85	73	60
July	151	129	172	136	130	87	76	59
August	152	-	-	-	132	87	76	59
September	152	-	-	-	132	88	76	59
October	153	131			133	93	77	59
November	142				124			60
December	153				123			

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932.

CONTINENT	EUROPE			AFRICA			ASIA			OCEANIA		
	SPAIN			PORTUGAL			EGYPT			SOUTH AFRICA		
	Nature of Index	Cost of Living Madrid	Foods Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country	Foods Country	Cost of Living Cairo	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Cost of Living Istanbul
Base Period	1914	1914	June 1914	June 1914	June 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	January 1922	1914	1914	1914
1913												
1914	100	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)	1,000(c)	202	224(a)	100	100	1,000	100(a)	100
1919	174	174				237	281(a)	145			186(a)	
1920	190	190				196	196(a)	145			190(a)	
1921	189	189	184			176	172(a)	119	88.2		177(a)	213
1922	181	181	177			162	152(a)	117	76.6		165(a)	173
1923	177	177	174			151	148(a)	120	79.4		153(a)	160
1924	184	184	188			165	158(a)	120	83.8		157(a)	167
1925	189	189	195			160	158(a)	118	82.1		157(a)	166
1926	187	187	191			153	147(a)	118	77.4		156(a)	174
1927	189	189	196			152	144	117	73.7		147(a)	160
1928	176	176	178			151	146	115	69.4		148(a)	158
1929	181	181	185			148	141	110	61.4		140(a)	157
1930	187	187	194			138	123	105	55.3	1,555	136(a)	152
1931	196	196	205			132	112	96	56.6	1,292	100(a)	106
1932	187	187	192			125	101	99	54.9	1,030	102(a)	80
1933	180	180	1,948			127	110	104		924	95(a)	76
1934	184	184	1,948							912	87(a)	92
1935	(b)	(b)	(b)								(d)	78
1934												
November	189	189	2,023	-	-	130	117	103	57.1	908	92	61
December	184	184	1,985	-	-	130	116	102	56.4	887	90	-
1935												
January	184	184	1,986	-	-	128	115	102	55.7	903	88	-
February	187	187	1,965	-	-	129	115	102	56.0	895	90	-
March	183	183	1,962	-	-	129	115	102	54.1	876	89	78
April	188	188	1,996	-	-	129	115	103	54.2	874	88	-
May	179	179	1,975	-	-	127	111	103	53.9	898	90	-
June	-	-	1,973	-	-	127	110	104	54.0	900	92	80
July	-	-	1,989	-	-	130	116	102	54.6	863	93	-
August	-	-	1,971	-	-	129	113	101	54.2	850	94	-
September	-	-	2,005	-	-	130	113	100	54.4	852	94	77
October	-	-	2,014	-	-	133	118	100	-	892	94	-
November	-	-	1,951	-	-	132	117	100	-	931	94	-
December	-	-		-	-							

(a) July (b) Middle of Month (c) June (d) Average from sixteenth of current month to fifteenth of following month.

CONTINENT	COUNTRY	CHINA				JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		SOUTH AMERICA	
		Cost of Living Peiping	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 30 Towns	Foods and Groceries 30 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago
	Base Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	1923-1927	1923-1927	1926-1930	1926-1930	1913	1913	1928	1928
	1913					100 July	100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	70.3	100	100		
	1914									91.2	102.7	104	107		
	1919									101.9	116.5	188	188		
	1920									103.4	113.4	210	208		
	1921									95.2	95.8	199	183		
	1922									95.9	96.5	190	174		
	1923									98.4	100.5	180	166		
	1924									100.4	103.0	187	168		
	1925									101.0	102.6	200	179		
	1926									100.1	98.3	201	182		
	1927									100.6	100.4	194	177		
	1928									100.4	101.3	181	161		(116)
	1929									98.1	97.4	177	159		119
	1930									90.6	84.4	169	157		115
	1931									83.8	77.5	158	148		103
	1932									79.7	71.3	151	143		114
	1933									(b)	(b)	148	139		
	1934									81.6		150	148		
	1935									(a)		(b)	(b)		
	1934									81.0	78.0	154(c)	153		
	November									81.4	79.2	150	146		
	December														
	1935														
	January														
	February														
	March														
	April														
	May														
	June														
	July														
	August														
	September														
	October														
	November														
	December														

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating.

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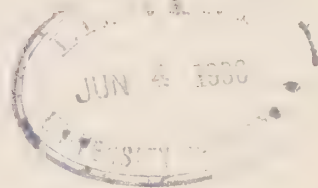
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RECENT WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1936.

GENERAL: Wholesale price levels in most countries of the world remained firm during the first quarter of 1936, and gave further indication of a general tendency to stabilize close to present positions. Even in Belgium which devalued its currency by 28 p.c. in March 1935, the stimulus of this procedure seemed to have been exhausted by the closing months of that year, and there was comparatively little movement in prices during the first quarter of 1936. The gradual advance in French wholesale price indexes continued for the first three months of the current year, but registered an appreciable reaction in April. In the Netherlands and Switzerland, other remaining free gold standard countries in Europe, the slight rises of last summer and autumn were followed by moderate recessions. The Scandinavian countries have furnished perhaps the best example of price stability during the past six months, index variations for this period being of negligible proportions. In the United Kingdom, changes have also been very small. For the first three months of 1936, metals and wool were higher, while cereal grains and meats declined. The official German wholesale price index has fluctuated within a range of less than two p.c. since last November.

In the United States an appreciable reaction occurred in prices of farm products and foods during March, although other commodity groups showed little variation. This followed nearly two months after the annulling of A.A.A. legislation involving a processing tax upon basic agricultural commodities. The general wholesale price level has remained comparatively steady at about 80 p.c. of 1926 levels since April 1935. In Canada, wholesale prices have ranged between 70 p.c. and 73 p.c. of 1926 levels since the beginning of 1934.

In the Orient and Australasia, the only change of consequence occurred in China, where indexes for both northern and southern areas have advanced more than 15 p.c. since last mid-summer. After a preceding rise, the Tokyo index of Japan tended to recede gradually during the first quarter of 1936. Little change occurred in Australian and New Zealand price levels in this period, although slight declines occurred in the index for the latter country.

RECENT COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1936

Living costs reflected the underlying stability of wholesale prices generally during the first quarter of 1936. There were, however, a few noteworthy exceptions to this statement. In France, living cost indexes continued to advance, due almost entirely to the influence of food prices. The Belgian index on the other hand declined moderately in the first quarter of 1936, after a sharp rise in the last three quarters of 1935. Cost of living series for China moved upward in line with rising wholesale prices, and the Tokyo index for Japan also advanced, although wholesale prices ceased to rise in Japan towards the close of 1935. During the first three months of 1936, cost of living changes in other countries including the United Kingdom, the United States, and Germany were very slight.

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U N I T E D S T A T E S

Authority	Dominion Bureau of Statistics					Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun	Annalist
	General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods						
				Fully and chiefly Mfd. Goods						
No. of Commodities	567 (c)					200	784 (b)	106	200	72 Series
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1913	1913	1913
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	100	100
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	101
1919	134.0	209.2	118.7	131.5	132.5	138.6	138.6	18.6642	203	190
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	205
1921	110.0	171.8	108.0	107.5	116.7	97.6	97.6	11.3696	123	141
1922	97.3	152.0	95.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	96.7	12.1185	132	142
1923	98.0	153.0	93.7	91.1	103.1	100.6	100.6	13.4028	146	157
1924	99.4	155.2	93.2	94.8	101.9	98.1	98.1	12.8672	140	157
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	100.8	103.8	103.5	103.5	13.9445	151	164
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b) 100.0	(b) 100.0	13.0207	141	157
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	99.9	96.5	94.2	94.2	12.7787	139	155
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	161
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	158
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	144
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	122
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	111
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	7.8557	85	120
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	137
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	66.0	72.8	83.0		9.9222 (a)	108	145
April	72.5	113.2	73.4	66.4	73.3	81.6	80.1	9.6643	105	143
May	72.2	112.8	73.0	66.3	72.3	82.3	80.2	9.7965	106	146
June	71.4	111.5	72.7	65.0	71.5	82.0	79.8	9.9070	108	144
July	71.4	111.5	72.7	64.9	71.8	82.1	79.4	9.8416	107	141
August	71.7	112.0	73.2	65.0	72.3	83.8	80.5	9.9185	108	142
September	72.4	113.1	73.4	67.3	72.4	85.1	80.7	10.0085	109	141
October	73.1	114.2	74.1	67.9	73.3	85.4	80.5	10.1762	110	147
November	72.7	113.6	74.2	67.2	72.9	84.7	80.6	10.2834	112	148
December	72.7	113.6	74.4	67.2	72.9	84.2	80.9	10.4029	113	147
1936	72.9	113.9	74.2	67.9	72.8	84.0	80.6	10.3641	113	147
January	72.5	113.2	73.9	67.5	72.2	83.5	80.5	10.0204	109	148
February	72.4	113.1	73.8	67.3	72.1	82.6	79.6	9.9196	108	149
March	72.2	112.8	72.3	66.8	72.2	82.5		9.8541	107	144
April	72.2									

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and, in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.

Authority	Austria	Switzerland	Belgium	Netherlands	Norway	Sweden	Denmark	Albania	Spain
No. of Commodities	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Director General of Statistics
Base Period	47 (b) January - July, 1914	78 July 1914	130 April 1914	48 1913	100 Dec. 21/13 - June 30/14	47 July 1/13 - June 30/14	160	23	74
1913				100	100	1913	1913	1913	1913
1914		100 April	100 April	109	115	116	100	1927	100
1919				304	322	330			101
1920				292	382	347			204
1921				182	298	211	359		221
1922			366 (c)	160	233	162	222		190
1923	99	200.1	367	151	233	157	173		176
1924	124	157.9	497	156	269	155	163		172
1925	136	169.9	573	155	251	157	162		183
1926	136	171.2	559	145	196	144	161		188
1927	123	160.5	744	148	160	141	149		181
1928	133	144.5	847	149	155	144	146		172
1929	130	142.2	843	142	148	134	148		167
1930	130	144.6	851	117	138	115	140	100	171
1931	117	141.2	744	97	123	105	122	100	172
1932	109	126.5	626	79	125	101	111	90	174
1933	112	109.7	532	74	124	100	109	74	173
1934	108	96.0	501	78	126	107	107	57	159
1935	110	89.8	473		132	107	114	51	163
1935	(d)	(a)	(f)			111		56 (a)	-
March	109	86.4	464	75					
April	109	87.1	531	76	130	108	115	53	165
May	110	87.6	552	75	130	109	115	53	165
June	111	88.6	555	75	131	111	115	54	165
July	112	89.9	553	74	132	112	116	55	163
August	111	91.4	552	73	133	112	116	55	162
September	110	92.2	560	75	133	110	115	56	
October	109	93.3	574	78	133	111	115	57	
November	109	92.8	582	78	134	113	117	61	
December	109	92.1	579	78	134	114	118	62	
1936					134	113	118	63	
January	108	91.1	581	77	134	113	118	63	
February	107	91.0	582	77	135				
March	107		578		135				

(a) End of month. (b) No. of Commodities changed from 42 to 47. (c) Average of 5 months. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928.
 (f) Second half of month. (g) New series; 1931=100-annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.

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COUNTRY	Authority	INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	O C E A N I A		
		Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay						NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	
No. of Commodities		72	43								
Base Period		July, 1914	July, 1914								
1913		100(a)	100(a)	100	1913	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	
1914		201	216	98(a)	67		100.0	100.0	1053	100.0	
1920		178	198	279	89		259.4	105.6	2092	96.9	
1921		176	187	191	89	104.6	200.3	227.9	1942	223.3	
1922		172	181	170	87	98.6	195.8	174.9	1665	160.4	
1923		173	182	173	90	102.0	199.1	161.6	1598	128.4	
1924		159	163	173	93	97.9	206.4	178.7	1634	126.6	
1925		148	149	166	97	99.3	201.6	173.3	1627	128.7	
1926		148	147	159	100	100.0	178.8	169.5	1553	127.6	
1927		145	146	154	103	104.4	169.8	168.4	1478	123.3	
1928		141	145	149	108	101.7	170.8	167.0	1492	124.0	
1929		116	126	148	111	104.5	166.1	164.7	1488	120.4	
1930		96	109	134	116	114.8	136.8	146.7	1449	116.0	
1931		91	109	105	123	126.7	115.6	131.3	(e)1346	102.7	
1932		87	109	86	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1297	99.5	
1933		89	98	71	101	103.8	135.6	129.5	1308	91.5	
1934		91	95	67	92	97.1	134.2	135.2	1330	93.1	
1935		(h)		65		(b)	140.2	135.0	(c)	101.7	
1935 April		88	98	65							
May		91	99	66	95	95.9	137.8	132.7	1367	92.8	
June		91	99	65	95	95.0	137.8	134.0	1365	-	
July		91	100	65	93	92.1	136.2	134.7	1374	-	
August		89	99	64	92	90.5	136.2	135.9	1386	95.0	
September		89	100	64	92	91.9	138.2	137.7	1393		
October		93	100	65	92	91.1	142.7	137.4	1419		
November		92	98	66	94	94.1	146.6	137.8	1434		
December		93	97	66	101	103.3	146.3	135.9	1419		
1936				65	103	103.3	145.0	134.2	1414		
January		92		65							
February		91			104	104.3	144.9	135.6	1405		
March					107	105.4	144.3	134.7	1384		
(a) July.	(b) End of month.	(c) Fifteenth of month.	(d) Average for ten months only.	(e) Revised since January, 1931.	(f) Monthly average.						

COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA		CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		FRANCE	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living		Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns	
Nature of Index	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living
Base Period	1926	1926	1923 (a)	1923	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1913	(c)	(c)	68.4	60.2	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	70.0	119.4	230	226	226	188	191	371	371	342
1920	141.1	124.2	139.1	102.7	176	183	183	184	188	337	337	309
1921	107.9	109.2	104.8	97.3	169	174	174	186	190	307	307	296
1922	91.4	100.0	96.8	100.0	170	175	175	190	193	332	332	334
1923	92.1	100.0	100.0	101.5	171	176	176	186	190	380	380	369
1924	90.7	98.0	99.8	103.8	164	172	172	190	193	425	425	400
1925	94.7	99.3	107.7	103.8	160	168	168	185	179	554	554	505
1926	100.0	100.0	109.8	101.6	157	166	166	175	170	556	556	514
1927	98.1	98.4	106.4	100.4	154	164	164	174	169	549	549	519
1928	98.6	98.9	105.6	100.0	145	158	158	176	169	102.2(h)	102.2(h)	556
1929	101.0	99.9	107.2	96.2	131	147	147	171	160	100.0	100.0	581
1930	98.6	99.2	100.6	86.7	126	144	144	161	147	98.8	98.8	569
1931	77.3	89.6	83.1	77.7	120	140	140	157	141	87.6	87.6	526
1932	64.3	81.4	69.9	74.8	122	141	141	151	131	82.9	82.9	520
1933	63.7	77.7	68.1	79.4	122	141	141	152	135	78.0	78.0	516
1934	69.4	78.7	75.9	88.1	(e)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	482
1935	70.4	79.3	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(d)
1935	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(d)
April	68.6	78.6	85.4	83.2	119	139	139	151	132	69.4	69.4	490
May	68.7	78.6	85.1	82.9	118	139	139	151	132	69.0	69.0	490
June	69.3	78.8	84.2	82.7	120	140	140	151	132	67.8	67.8	-
July	69.3	78.8	83.3	82.6	126	143	143	156	140	66.6	66.6	-
August	71.3	79.4	83.7	83.0	126	143	143	156	140	65.4	65.4	469
September	70.9	79.6	84.8	83.5	125	143	143	156	140	65.9	65.9	-
October	72.4	80.4	85.2	83.9	128	145	145	162	150	67.6	67.6	-
November	73.2	80.6	86.1	84.3	131	147	147	162	150	79.2	79.2	478
December	73.7	80.6	87.2	84.8	131	147	147	162	150	71.8	71.8	-
1936	73.7	80.6	87.2	84.8	131	147	147	162	150	71.8	71.8	-
January	73.9	80.7	86.9	84.8	131	147	147	162	150	72.0	72.0	-
February	72.9	80.4	85.7	84.4	130	147	147	159	145	73.6	73.6	-
March	73.4	80.5	84.3	84.1	130	147	147	159	145	73.9	73.9	-
April	71.0	79.8	84.3	84.1	130	147	147	159	145	73.9	73.9	-
April	71.0	79.8	84.3	84.1	130	147	147	159	145	73.9	73.9	-

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month.
(f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns, 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs.

CONTINENT		EUROPE									
COUNTRY		ROMANIA			YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY		AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND
Nature of Index	Base	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods Milan	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns
Period		1913	1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	June, 1927	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914
1913		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000(h)	(e)	(e)		100(h)	100(h)	100(f)
1914									2,374	222	224
1919									4,828	224	242
1920									15,476(c)	200	213
1921		1,305(i)				559	541		460,733	57,600	163
1922		1,708				515	501		74(a)	539,783	165
1923		2,500				499	494		88	1250,108	172
1924		2,985				528	527		97	1480,583	169
1925		3,250				622	611		103	1612,150	168
1926		3,552				655	654		106	116(a)	160
1927		3,855				559	588		108	119	158
1928		3,964				517	530		111	119	157
1929		4,244				543	545		111	122	156
1930		(4,206)				519	530		111	118	152
1931		3,004(j)				452	485		106	108	141
1932		2,512	(4,046)			431	468		108	110	126
1933		2,319	2,796(j)				449		105		117
1934		2,235	2,323				430		105		115
1935		2,552	2,163						105		114
1935			2,087						(b)	(g)	(g)
1935			2,439						104	127	112
March									103	127	111
April									104	126	111
May									106	127	113
June									105	128	115
July									105	129	116
August									105	129	116
September									106	129	117
October									106	130	118
November									104	130	118
December									106	130	118
1936									105	130	118
January									104	130	118
February									106	130	118
March									105	130	118

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December. (d) Average from 16th of previous month to 15th of current month.
(e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (h) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation.
1930 figures are not comparable with other years (k) First of following month. (h) July.

CONTINENT	COUNTRY	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	ESTONIA	LATVIA	LITHUANIA
		Cost of Living 31 Towns July, 1914	Cost of Living 49 Towns July, 1914	Cost of Living 100 Localities July, 1914	Cost of Living Amsterdam 1911-13	Cost of Living 21 Towns Jan. June 1914	Cost of Living Tallinn 1913	Cost of Living Riga 1930	Cost of Living 84 Towns 1913
Nature of Index									
Period									
1913		100(h)	100(h)				100	1913	1913
1914			100(h)				100	1930	100
1918			219(h)						
1919			257(h)						
1920		300	270(h)						
1921		277	236(h)	232	217	1,058	85(h)		
1922		231	190(h)	184	184	1,254	91(h)		
1923		218	174(h)	189	171	1,143	102(h)		
1924		239	171(h)	204	176	1,079	94(h)		
1925		243	176(h)	201	176	1,093	106(h)		110
1926		206	172(h)	160	161	1,147	118		136
1927		186	169(h)	152	163	145(f)	118		151
1928		173(a)	173(h)	150	166	146	112		141
1929		166	169(h)	148	162	150	120		145
1930		161	164(h)	136	150	147	126		144
1931		153	158(h)	120	136	127	103		142
1932		149	156(h)	116	119	113	91(g)	100	117
1933		147	153(h)		120	117	80	89	102
1934		148	155(h)		114	114	77	75	85
1935		151			(b)		77	-	-
March		149	(b)	(b)	(b)		(d)	73	61
April		149	155	-	114	116	76	68	62
May		150	-	171	-	116	76	71	62
June		150	-	-	-	114	75	72	61
July		151	-	-	-	116	73	79	60
August		152	129	172	116	119	76	79	59
September		152	-	-	-	122	76	76	59
October		153	-	-	-	121	77	73	59
November		153	131	-	113	124	83	81	59
December		153	-	-	-	123	83	75	60
1936					-	122	83	69	60
January		142				118	84	61	
February		143	158			119	86	68	
March									

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (e) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (f) Revised from May, 1931. (g) July. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932.

CONTINENT		EUROPE		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE		TURKEY		ASIA		INDIA		DUTCH E. INDIES		INDO-CHINA									
COUNTRY	SPAIN	Cost of Living Madrid	Foods Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country	June 1914	Cost of Living Cairo	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Foods Cairo	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Cost of Living 9 Towns	1914	Foods 9 Towns	1914	Cost of Living Istanbul	1914	Foods Istanbul	1914	Cost of Living Bombay	July 1914	Foods Bombay	July 1914	Cost of Living Java & Madura	1913	Foods Madura	1913	Cost of Living Saigon	1925	Foods Saigon	1925
Base Period	1914	100	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)	202	224(a)	224(a)	100	100	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	100(a)	100(a)	100(a)	100(a)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
1913	1914	174	184			237	281(a)	281(a)	145	145					186(a)	187(a)	187(a)	186(a)	187(a)	187(a)	187(a)	186(a)	187(a)	187(a)	186(a)	187(a)	187(a)	187(a)	
1919	1919	190	177			196	196(a)	196(a)	119	119					190(a)	188(a)	188(a)	190(a)	188(a)	188(a)	188(a)	190(a)	188(a)	188(a)	187(a)	188(a)	188(a)	188(a)	
1920	1920	189	174			176	172(a)	172(a)	117	117					177(a)	174(a)	174(a)	177(a)	174(a)	174(a)	174(a)	177(a)	174(a)	174(a)	173(a)	174(a)	174(a)	174(a)	
1921	1921	181	188			162	152(a)	152(a)	120	120					165(a)	160(a)	160(a)	165(a)	160(a)	160(a)	160(a)	165(a)	160(a)	160(a)	158(a)	160(a)	160(a)	160(a)	
1922	1922	177	195			161	148(a)	148(a)	118	118					153(a)	148(a)	148(a)	153(a)	148(a)	148(a)	148(a)	153(a)	148(a)	148(a)	151(a)	148(a)	148(a)	148(a)	
1923	1923	184	191			165	158(a)	158(a)	120	120					157(a)	151(a)	151(a)	157(a)	151(a)	151(a)	151(a)	157(a)	151(a)	151(a)	158(a)	151(a)	151(a)	151(a)	
1924	1924	189	196			160	147(a)	147(a)	118	118					157(a)	155(a)	155(a)	157(a)	155(a)	155(a)	155(a)	157(a)	155(a)	155(a)	158(a)	155(a)	155(a)	155(a)	
1925	1925	187	178			153	144	144	117	117					156(a)	154(a)	154(a)	156(a)	154(a)	154(a)	154(a)	156(a)	154(a)	154(a)	158(a)	154(a)	154(a)	154(a)	
1926	1926	189	185			152	146	146	115	115					147(a)	143(a)	143(a)	147(a)	143(a)	143(a)	143(a)	147(a)	143(a)	143(a)	157(a)	143(a)	143(a)	143(a)	
1927	1927	181	194			151	141	141	110	110					148(a)	145(a)	145(a)	148(a)	145(a)	145(a)	145(a)	148(a)	145(a)	145(a)	157(a)	145(a)	145(a)	145(a)	
1928	1928	186	205			148	123	123	105	105					140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
1929	1929	194	192			138	112	112	96	96					138	132	132	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
1930	1930	187	181			125	101	101	99	99					132	125	125	138	132	132	132	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
1931	1931	181	186			127	110	110	104	104					127	127	127	132	127	127	127	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
1932	1932	186	181			130	115	115	102	102					130	130	130	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
1933	1933	(b)	(b)			129	115	115	102	102					129	129	129	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
1934	1934	183	188			129	115	115	102	102					129	129	129	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
1935	1935	179	170			127	111	111	103	103					127	127	127	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
1936	1936	176	176			127	110	110	104	104					127	127	127	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
March	March					130	116	116	102	102					130	130	130	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
April	April					129	115	115	102	102					129	129	129	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
May	May					127	111	111	103	103					127	127	127	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
June	June					127	110	110	104	104					127	127	127	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
July	July					130	116	116	102	102					130	130	130	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
August	August					129	113	113	101	101					129	129	129	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
September	September					130	113	113	101	101					130	130	130	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
October	October					133	118	118	100	100					133	133	133	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
November	November					132	117	117	101	101					132	132	132	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
December	December					132	118	118	101	101					132	132	132	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
1936	1936					131	116	116	102	102					131	131	131	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
January	January					132	115	115	102	102					132	132	132	132	130	130	130	140(a)	136(a)	136(a)	152(a)	136(a)	136(a)	136(a)	
February	February																												
March	March																												

(a) July (b) Middle of Month (c) June (d) Average from sixteenth of current month to fifteenth of following month.

CONTINENT	COUNTRY	ASIA				OCEANIA				SOUTH AMERICA			
		CHINA				JAPAN				AUSTRALIA			
Nature of Index	Base Period	Cost of Living Peiping	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 30 Towns	Foods and Groceries 30 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima
		1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	1923-1927	1923-1927	1926-1930	1926-1930	1913	1928
1913	1913					100 July	100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	70.3	100	100
1914	1914									91.2	102.7	104	107
1919	1919									101.9	116.5	188	188
1920	1920									103.4	113.4	210	208
1921	1921					236	257	101.3	95.4	103.4	113.4	199	183
1922	1922					221	228	96.7	94.4	95.2	95.8	190	174
1923	1923					221	233	99.6	101.1	95.9	96.5	180	166
1924	1924					218	236	98.0	97.2	98.4	100.5	187	168
1925	1925					199	217	99.1	100.2	100.4	103.0	200	179
1926	1926					189	211	102.7	102.7	101.0	102.6	201	182
1927	1927					184	202	100.4	100.4	100.1	98.3	194	177
1928	1928					181	203	98.9	98.9	100.6	103.4	181	161
1929	1929					155	173	104.7	104.7	100.4	101.3	177	159
1930	1930					136	151	94.6	94.6	98.1	97.4	169	157
1931	1931					137	158	83.0	83.0	90.6	84.4	158	148
1932	1932					146	161	80.0	80.0	83.8	77.5	151	143
1933	1933					149	164	75.4	75.4	79.5	73.2	148	139
1934	1934					152	170	78.6	78.6	80.8	77.4	150	148
1935	1935					(b)	(b)	80.9	80.9	83.6	83.5	152	147
March	March	82.9	74.4	104.8	85.7	(a)	(a)			(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
April	April	82.0	73.8	106.1	88.6					82.7	81.9	152	148
May	May	84.2	76.4	105.6	88.6					82.9	82.4	151	145
June	June	84.2	76.5	105.9	89.5					83.3	82.9	152	145
July	July	86.9	80.2	105.2	89.5					83.6	83.6	153	148
August	August	87.8	81.8	104.6	90.3					83.2	82.6	152	147
September	September	84.1	77.1	105.4	88.6					83.6	82.8	153	149
October	October	85.5	79.1	103.9	89.8					83.9	83.7	152	146
November	November	92.8	88.8	109.2	86.3					85.3	87.4	153	147
December	December	93.5	89.4	109.3	90.3					85.1	87.3	155	151
1936	1936									84.5	85.5	155	150
January	January	95.3	92.9	111.0	93.3					84.0	84.1	157	154
February	February	95.1	93.0	112.0	98.6							158	155
March	March	97.6	95.8	114.1	102.2								

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933 including heating.

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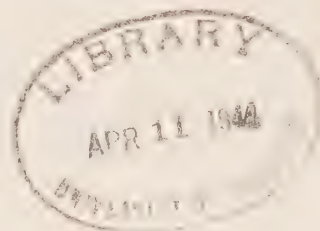
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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1936.

A slightly firmer tendency in wholesale price levels during the second quarter of 1936 was followed by a definite up-turn in July led by increases in prices for grains and non-ferrous metals. One of the sharpest second quarter advances occurred in France. Although this was fairly general throughout different commodity groups, it was viewed with some apprehension. Higher prices reflected rising production costs which affected export trade adversely, and thereby added to the difficulty of maintaining the position of the franc. Price levels in France are reckoned to be about 20 p.c. above world levels at the present time. Other remaining gold standard countries showed little change until July. Price levels in Belgium tended to react moderately in the first and second quarters after earlier pronounced advances, but responded along with prices in other areas to the general upward stimulus in July. Scandinavian countries continued to display unusual stability with price index fluctuations of negligible proportions for the first half of the year. In the United Kingdom and Germany, price levels have mounted intermittently during this period, official indexes showing increases of over 2 p.c. for the former and 1 p.c. for the latter. Recent advances in sterling exchange, if maintained, should tend to check this movement in the United Kingdom. The gradual decline in United States wholesale price levels was halted in July, and the official Canadian index also turned upward in that month.

In the Far East and Oceania, moderate increases were recorded in most countries during the first half of the year. The Australian index for Melbourne advanced nearly 4 p.c., while Japanese and Chinese indexes were between one and two per cent. higher in July than at the beginning of the year.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1936.

A marked degree of stability continued to characterize the behaviour of living cost indexes, exceptions being almost exactly the same as those noted for the first quarter. Living costs in France rose further, the Paris index gaining about 1 p.c. in the second quarter. The German index also advanced due mainly to a shortage of meats, caused by enforced price ratios favouring the production of fats. Cereal grains were likewise less plentiful. The crest of the Belgian rise in living costs appeared to have passed between April and June.

Cost of living index numbers in the Far East showed little change with the noteworthy exception of the Tokyo series which dropped a little more than one per cent. New Zealand and Australian living costs registered practically no change.

Authority	DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS					UNITED STATES					Annalist					
	General Index		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun						
	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926										
No. of Commodities	567 (c)					236 (d)	402 (d)	245 (d)	322 (d)	200	784 (b)	106	1913	200	1913	72 Series
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1913	1913	200	1913	1913
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	100	120.887	100	100
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211	101	-
1919	134.0	209.2	118.7	139.0	131.5	132.5	138.6	138.6	132.5	138.6	138.6	18.6642	203	230.846	190	-
1920	155.7	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	248.721	205	-
1921	110.0	171.8	108.0	112.8	107.5	116.7	97.6	97.6	116.7	97.6	97.6	11.3696	123	170.451	141	-
1922	97.3	152.0	95.1	99.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	96.7	100.5	96.7	96.7	12.1185	132	171.660	142	-
1923	98.0	153.0	93.7	97.8	91.1	103.1	101.1	101.1	103.1	101.1	100.6	13.4028	146	189.787	157	-
1924	99.4	155.2	93.2	99.5	94.8	101.9	98.9	98.9	101.9	98.9	98.1	12.8672	140	189.322	157	-
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	105.2	103.8	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.694	164	158.9
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b) 100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	157	150.2
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	94.2	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	155	144.7
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	97.9	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521	161	149.0
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	96.3	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	191.043	158	145.6
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.3	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453	144	127.6
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	71.4	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353	122	104.1
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	61.6	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303	111	91.1
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	64.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	7.8557	85	144.661	120	94.9
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	76.6	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	166.082	137	113.2
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0	83.0	72.8	83.0	80.0	9.9222	108	174.744	145	125.9
1935												(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	
August	71.7	112.0	73.2	69.0	65.0	72.3	83.8	83.8	72.3	83.8	80.5	9.9185	108	171.511	142	126.8
September	72.4	113.1	73.4	70.1	67.3	72.4	85.1	85.1	72.4	85.1	80.7	10.0085	109	170.859	141	127.6
October	73.1	114.2	74.1	70.5	67.9	73.3	85.4	85.4	73.3	85.4	80.5	10.1762	110	177.514	147	129.2
November	72.7	113.6	74.2	69.4	67.2	72.9	84.7	84.7	72.9	84.7	80.6	10.2834	112	178.614	148	128.3
December	72.7	113.6	74.4	69.4	67.2	72.9	84.2	84.2	72.9	84.2	80.9	10.4029	113	177.732	147	129.4
1936																
January	72.9	113.9	74.2	69.8	67.9	72.8	84.0	84.0	72.8	84.0	80.6	10.3641	113	178.063	147	128.3
February	72.5	113.2	73.9	69.3	67.5	72.2	83.5	83.5	72.2	83.5	80.6	10.0204	109	179.045	148	126.4
March	72.4	113.1	73.8	69.3	67.3	72.1	82.6	82.6	72.1	82.6	79.6	9.9196	108	179.601	149	124.9
April	72.2	112.8	73.3	69.1	66.8	72.2	82.5	82.5	72.2	82.5	79.7	9.8541	107	173.649	144	123.8
May	71.8	112.2	73.2	68.1	66.2	71.7	81.1	81.1	71.7	81.1	78.6	9.8191	107	173.485	144	120.4
June	72.3	112.9	73.7	68.5	66.6	71.9	82.3	82.3	71.9	82.3	79.2	9.7374	106	172.136	142	121.4
July	74.4	116.2	74.3	72.1	69.7	73.3	83.5	83.5	73.3	83.5		9.8538	107	178.240	147	125.6
August	76.2	119.0	75.5	74.7	73.0	74.8	84.0	84.0	74.8	84.0		10.1445	110	181.878	150	127.8

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 734 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and, in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.

COUNTRY	SOUTH AMERICA			EUROPE			UNITED KINGDOM			FRANCE			GERMANY		
	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale		
Authority	Banco de la Nación	Official	Official	Board of Trade											
No. of	32	1928	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926		
Commodities	108	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926		
Base period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926		
1913	75.5	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913		
1914		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
1918		104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104		
1919		212	212	212	212	212	212	212	212	212	212	212	212		
1920		220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220		
1921	108.2	239	239	239	239	239	239	239	239	239	239	239	239		
1922	98.5	205	205	205	205	205	205	205	205	205	205	205	205		
1923	101.8	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190		
1924	109.5	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189		
1925	110.9	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192		
1926	100.0	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202		
1927	98.1	203	203	203	203	203	203	203	203	203	203	203	203		
1928	98.5	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192		
1929	96.4	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186		
1930	92.2	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178		
1931	89.7	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175		
1932	84.3	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170		
1933	89.8	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180		
1934	94.7	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188		
1935	94.5	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189		
1935		(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)		
June	93.6	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192		
July	95.5	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191		
August	94.8	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189		
September	96.3	197	197	197	197	197	197	197	197	197	197	197	197		
October	95.3	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188		
November	94.3	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	188		
December	93.8	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189		
1936															
January	93.4	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191		
February	93.9	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192		
March	94.6	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191		
April	96.5	193	193	193	193	193	193	193	193	193	193	193	193		
May	97.7	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192		
June		191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191		
July															
(a) Since 1934, new series.		(b) End of month.	(c) Fifteenth of month.	(d) December.	(e) Since January 1935, new series.	(f) 1920-29, base 1913=100.									

COUNTRY	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN	
Authority	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities	47 (b)	78	130	48	100	95	47	160		
Base Period	January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 21/13 - June 30/14	1913	July 1/13 - June 30/14	1913	23	74
1913		100 April	100 April	100	100	100		100	1927	1913
1914				109	115		116			100
1919				304	322		330			101
1920				292	382		347	359		204
1921		200.1	366(c)	182	298		211	222		221
1922		157.9	367	160	233	232	162	173		190
1923	99	169.9	497	151	233	268	157	163		176
1924	124	171.2	573	156	269	253	155	162		172
1925	136	160.5	559	155	251	253	157	161		183
1926	136	144.5	744	145	196	198	144	149		188
1927	123	142.2	847	148	160	167	141	146		181
1928	133	144.6	843	149	155	157(e)	144	148	100	172
1929	130	141.2	851	142	148	149	134	140	104	167
1930	130	126.5	744	117	138	137	115	122	100	171
1931	117	109.7	626	97	123	122	105	111	88	172
1932	109	96.0	532	79	125	122	101	109	90	174
1933	112	91.0	501	74	124	122	100	107	74	173
1934	110	89.8	473	78	126	124	107	114	57	159
1935	110	89.8			132	127	111	116	51	163
1935	(d)	(a)	(f)			(d)			56 (a)	
September	110	92.2	560	75	133	128	111	115		
October	109	93.3	574	78	134	130	113	117	57	162
November	109	92.8	582	78	134	130	114	118	61	
December	109	92.1	579	78	134	131	113	118	62	
1936									63	
January	108	91.1	581	77	134	131	113	118		
February	107	91.0	582	77	135	132			63	
March	107	90.9	578	76	135	132			63	
April	108	91.9	574	75	135	132			64	
May	108	92.0	569	75	135	132			65	
June	109	91.9	570	76	135	132			62	
July	110	93.1	576						62	
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(a) End of Month.

(b) No. of Commodities changed from 42 to 4.

(c) Average of 5 months.

(d) Fifteenth of month.

(e) New series beginning 1928.

(f) Second half of month.

(g) New series; 1931=100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.

(a) End of Month. (b) No. of Commodities changed from 42 to 47. (c) Average of 5 months. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928.
(f) Second half of month. (g) New series; 1931=100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.

CONTINENT	A S I A			O C E A N I A			F R I C A	
COUNTRY	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Statistique Générale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Census and Statistics Office
No. of Commodities	72	43	37	100	154	56	92	188
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1926	1926	1913	1913	1913
1913	100(a)	100	100	68	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1914	201	216	98(a)	67	95.5	95.5	105.6	96.9
1920	178	198	279	89	259.4	259.4	227.9	223.3
1921	176	187	191	89	200.3	200.3	174.9	160.4
1922	172	181	170	87	195.8	195.8	161.6	128.4
1923	173	182	173	90	199.1	199.1	178.7	126.6
1924	159	163	166	93	206.4	206.4	173.3	128.7
1925	148	149	159	97	201.6	201.6	169.5	127.6
1926	148	147	154	100	178.8	178.8	168.4	123.3
1927	145	146	149	103	169.8	169.8	167.0	124.0
1928	141	145	148	108	170.8	170.8	164.7	120.4
1929	116	126	153	111	166.1	166.1	165.7	120.4
1930	96	109	123	116	136.8	136.8	146.7	116.0
1931	91	109	129	123	115.6	115.6	131.3	102.7
1932	87	98	116	113	121.7	121.7	129.7	99.5
1933	89	95	106	101	135.6	135.6	129.5	91.5
1934	91	99	96	92	134.2	134.2	135.2	93.1
1935	(b)	65	94	95	140.2	140.2	135.0	101.7
1935		65	92	91	142.7	142.7	137.4	-
September	89	100	95	94	146.6	146.6	137.8	96.0
October	93	100	95	101	146.3	146.3	135.9	-
November	92	98	95	103	145.0	145.0	134.2	-
December	93	97	94	104	144.9	144.9	135.6	92
1936		96	94	107	144.3	144.3	134.7	89
January	92	95	94	111	144.1	144.1	136.5	88
February	91	95	95	112	145.4	145.4	139.2	84
March	91	94	95	109	145.4	145.4	139.8	84
April	92	94	95	108	146.3	146.3	140.0	83
May	90	94	95					83
June	90	95	95					83
July	91							

(a) July (b) End of month (c) fifteenth of month (d) Average for ten months only. (e) Revised since January, 1931. (f) Monthly average.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA			UNITED STATES			UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		FRANCE		
	CANADA												
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics			Bureau of Labor Statis- tics, Foods			Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns		
	Cost of Living						Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Foods		
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1923 (a)	1923	1923	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	(g) (i)	(g)	Paris Cost of Living
1913	(c)	68.9	(c)	68.4	60.2	60.2	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1914		66.0		70.0	119.4	119.4							
1920		141.1		139.1	102.7	102.7							
1921		107.9		104.8	97.3	97.3							
1922		91.4		96.8	100.0	100.0							
1923		92.1		100.0	101.5	101.5							
1924		90.7		99.8	103.8	103.8							
1925		94.7		107.7	106.4	106.4							
1926		100.0		109.8	101.6	101.6							
1927		98.1		106.4	100.4	100.4							
1928		98.6		105.6	100.0	100.0							
1929		101.0		107.2	96.2	96.2							
1930		98.6		100.6	86.7	86.7							
1931		77.3		83.1	77.7	77.7							
1932		64.3		69.9	74.8	74.8							
1933		63.7		68.1	79.4	79.4							
1934		69.4		75.9	83.1	83.1							
1935		70.4		84.4	(f)	(f)							
1935	(e)	79.3	(e)	84.4	(f)	(f)							
October		72.4		85.2	83.9	83.9							
November		73.2		86.1	84.3	84.3							
December		73.7		87.2	84.8	84.8							
1936													
January		73.9		86.9	84.8	84.8							
February		72.9		85.7	84.4	84.4							
March		73.4		84.3	84.1	84.1							
April		71.0		84.3	84.3	84.3							
May		71.3		85.0	84.6	84.6							
June		71.3		89.0	86.0	86.0							
July		72.6		85.8(j)	85.2(j)	85.2(j)							
August		74.7		85.8	85.6	85.6							

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month.
(f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns, 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs.
(j) Revised figures.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE									
	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE	
Nature of of Index	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Warsaw	Foods Warsaw	Cost of Living Prague	Foods Prague	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Foods 44 Towns
Base Period	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914
1913					(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)		
1914							100(g)	100(g)	(m)	100
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)								
1921	1250(g)	1491(g)	100							
1922	5392(g)	6836(g)	93				769(f)			
1923	2765100(g)	4651000(g)	109				787			
1924	(a) 127.6	(a) 126.3	128				827			
1925	139.8	147.8	136				800			
1926	141.2	144.4	165				850			
1927	147.6	151.9	203		99.5		747			
1928	151.7	152.3	208		100.0		748			
1929	154.0	154.5	220		101.4		744			
1930	148.1	142.9	228		94.4		746			
1931	136.1	127.6	205		85.9		713			
1932	120.6	112.3	184		78.2		700			
1933	118.0	109.9	182		71.2		693			
1934	121.1	116.2	175		66.5		685			
1935	123.0	120.4	176		63.9		696			
1935			(k)		(b)		(e)			
August	124.5	123.2	177		65.1		710			
September	123.4	120.9	182		65.6		704			
October	122.8	119.6	186		65.8		702			
November	122.9	119.9	182		65.4		700			
December	123.4	120.9	187		61.1		703			
1936										
January	124.3	122.3	187		60.3		707			
February	124.3	122.3	188		59.7		708			
March	124.2	122.2	185		59.7		707			
April	124.3	122.4	183		60.7		707			
May	124.3	122.4	181		61.3		709			
June	124.5	122.8	182		60.7		710			
July	125.3	124.0	180		60.8		706			
(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices.					(b) Last week of month.		(c) New Series.			
week of month.					(g) July.		(h) Monthly average.			
(f) Average of last seven months.					(i) December.		(j) Fifteenth of month.			
old series 100 towns.					(m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent.		(n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32: 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.			

COUNTRY	ROMANIA			YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY			AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods 3 Towns	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living 50 Towns	Foods 50 Towns	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
Base	1913	1913	July, 1914	July 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	Jan.-June 30, 1914	June, 1927	June 1927	July 1914	July 1914	June 1914	June 1914
Period	1913	1,000	1,000	1,000(h)	(e)	(e)						
1913	1,000											
1914												
1919												
1920												
1921	1,305(i)					559			100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1922	1,708				541	515			2,374	222	222	224
1923	2,500				501	515			4,828	224	224	242
1924	2,985				494	499			15,476(c)	200	200	213
1925	3,250				527	528			539,783	164	164	163
1926	3,552				611	622			74(a)	164	164	165
1927	3,855				654	655			88	169	169	172
1928	3,964				588	655			97	168	168	169
1929	4,244				530	559			103	162	162	160
1930	(4,206)				545	517			106	160	160	158
1931	3,004(j)	(4,046)			530	543			108	161	161	157
1932	2,512	2,796(j)			519	519			111	161	161	156
1933	2,319	2,323			485	452			111	158	158	152
1934	2,235	2,163			468	431			106	150	150	141
1935	2,552	2,087			449				108	138	138	126
1935		2,439			430				105	131	131	117
July	2,524		(k)		(d)				105	129	129	115
August	2,540	2,400			430				(b)	128	128	114
September	2,546	2,412			433				(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)
October	2,550	2,423							105	128	128	115
November	2,546	2,457							105	129	129	116
December	2,818	2,423							105	129	129	116
1936		2,722							106	129	129	117
January	2,954								106	130	130	118
February	2,966	2,860							105	130	130	118
March	2,981	2,864							104	130	130	118
April	2,996	2,860							104	130	130	118
May		2,881							105	130	130	119
June												
July												

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December. (d) Average from 16th of previous month to 15th of current month.
(e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (i) 1921 - 1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation.
1930 figures are not comparable with other years. (k) First of following month. (h) July.

CONTINENT		EUROPE													
COUNTRY		NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LITHUANIA	
Nature of Index		Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods 100 Localities	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga
Base Period		July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1911-13	1911-13	Jan.-June 1914	Jan.-June 1914	1913	1913	1930	1930
1913		100(h)	100(h)	(j)	(j)							100			
1914		100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)										
1918		231	231	219(h)	258(h)	200	184	182	217	1,171	1,058	85(h)	104(h)		
1919		218	217	178(h)	178(h)	206	189	174	184	1,139	1,254	91(h)	98(h)		
1920		239	250	158(h)	318(h)	216	204	177	171	1,147	1,143	102(h)	115(h)		
1925		243	256	155(h)	287(h)	211	201	179	176	1,170	1,093	94(h)	106(h)		
1926		206	197	168(h)		184	160	168(c)	161(c)	1,212	1,147	107	118		
1927		186	173	156(h)		177	152	168	163	154(f)	145(f)	106	118		
1928		173(a)	168(a)	148(h)		175	150	169	166	158	146	105	112		
1929		166	158	156(h)		173	148	168	162	161	150	112	120		
1930		161	152	148(h)		165	136	161	150	160	147	117	126		
1931		153	139	138(h)		155	120	151	138	147	127	104	103		
1932		149	134	127(h)		155	116	141	138	135	113	102(g)	91(g)		
1933		147	131	124(h)		155		142	119	134	117	84	80		
1934		148	132	120(h)		151		139	118	131	117	88	77		
1935		151	137	123(h)		151		140	120	128	114	87	76		
1935		151	137	129(h)		(b)		136	114	130	119	88	77		
1935		151	137	(b)		(b)		(b)	(b)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)		
July		151	140	129	129	172		136	116	130	119	87	76		
August		152	141	-	-	172		-	-	132	122	87	76		
September		152	140	-	-	-		-	-	132	121	88	76		
October		153	142	157	131	-		137	113	132	124	93	77		
November		153	142	-	-	-		-	-	133	123	94	83		
December		153	142	-	-	-		-	-	133	123	94	83		
1936		153	142	-	-	-		-	-	132	122	94	83		
January		153	142	158	132	-		-	-	130	118	94	84		
February		153	143	-	-	-		-	-	130	119	96	86		
March		154	144	-	-	-		-	-	130	118	96	87		
April		155	145	153	134	-		-	-	129	116	97	87		
May		155	144	-	-	-		-	-	128	115	97	87		
June		155	145	-	-	-		-	-	128	115	97	87		
July		155	145	-	-	-		-	-	129	116	97	87		
(a)	Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (e) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932.														

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE			AFRICA			ASIA		
	SPAIN		PORTUGAL	EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA	TURKEY	INDIA	DUTCH E. INDIES
	Cost of Living Madrid	Cost of Living Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Cost of Living Istanbul	Cost of Living Bombay	Cost of Living Java & Madura
Base Period	1914	1914	June 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	1914	1914	July 1914	1913
1913	100	100	1,000(c)	202	224(a)	100	1,000	100(a)	100
1914	174	174		237	281(a)	145		186(a)	100
1919	190	190		196	196(a)	179		190(a)	
1920	189	184		176	172(a)	162		177(a)	
1921	181	177		162	152(a)	131		165(a)	216
1922	177	174		161	148(a)	117		153(a)	173
1923	184	188		165	158(a)	120		148(a)	160
1924	189	195		160	158(a)	120		151(a)	166
1925	187	191		153	147(a)	118		152(a)	167
1926	189	196		152	144	118		155(a)	166
1927	176	178		151	146	117		154(a)	174
1928	181	185	3,030	148	141	115		143(a)	160
1929	186	194	2,361	138	123	128	1,555	145(a)	148
1930	194	205	2,243	132	112	105	1,292	136(a)	157
1931	187	192	2,241	125	101	96	1,114	100(a)	102
1932	181		1,990	127	110	99	1,030	95(a)	76
1933	186		1,949	130	115	104	924	87(a)	80
1934	(b)		1,968		115	102	912	93(a)	
1935	176		1,982		116		892	(d)	
1936	175		(b)		116	102	363	93	
July	178			130	113	101	850	94	77
August				129	113	100	852	94	
September				130	118	100	892	94	
October				133	117	101	931	96	
November				132	118	101	971	96	
December				132	116	102	947	96	
1936				131	116	102	962	93	
January				132	116	102	973	94	
February				132	116	102	963	92	
March				130	112	103	914	92	
April				130	112	103	923	92	
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(a) July (b) Middle of Month (c) June (d) Average from sixteenth of current month to fifteenth of following month.

COUNTRY	CHINA				JAPAN	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		SOUTH AMERICA	
	Cost of Living Peiping	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods and Groceries 30 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago
Nature of Index													
Base Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1914	1923-1927	1923-1927	1926-1930	1926-1930	1913	1913	1928	1928
1913					100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	70.3	100	100		
1914								91.2	102.7	104	107		
1919								101.9	116.5	188	188		
1920								103.4	113.4	210	208		
1921								95.2	95.8	199	183		
1922								95.9	96.5	190	174		
1923								98.4	100.5	180	166		
1924								100.4	103.0	187	168		
1925								101.0	102.6	200	179		
1926								100.1	98.3	201	182		
1927								100.6	100.4	194	177		
1928								100.4	101.3	181	161		
1929								98.1	97.4	177	159		(116)
1930								90.6	84.4	169	157		119
1931								83.8	77.5	158	148		115
1932								79.5	73.2	151	143		103
1933								80.8	77.4	148	139		115
1934								83.6	83.5	150	148		147
1935								(b)	(b)	152	147		149
1935								83.2	82.6	(b)	(b)		155
July								83.6	82.6	152	147		157
August								83.2	82.8	147	147		156
September								83.6	83.7	153	149		158
October								83.9	87.4	152	146		159
November								85.3	87.3	153	147		158
December								85.1	85.5	155	151		162
1936								84.5	84.1	155	150		
January								84.0	84.0	157	154		157
February								83.9	83.0	158	155		155
March								83.8	82.7	158	155		159
April								84.5	84.5	158	155		
May								85.2	86.1	160	157		
June								85.5	87.0	160	157		
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(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933 including heating.

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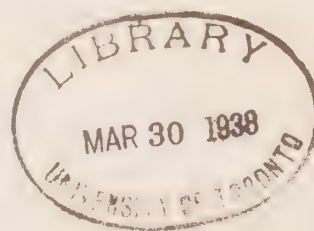
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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
THE SECOND HALF OF 1936

The second half of 1936 witnessed a rise in basic commodity prices of greater magnitude and more general in character than any which have preceded it during the current recovery movement dating from the spring months of 1933. The current advance gathered momentum in the final quarter of the year sending wholesale price index numbers in most parts of the world sharply upward. Improvement in the supply situation of leading primary products including wheat, rubber, and most of the non-ferrous metals combined with more confident buying by business concerns to support higher price levels. Other factors, including more active speculative interest and purchases for armament requirements have also tended to stimulate the rise. In the case of wheat, the market situation recently has been changed by the discovery that European import requirements in the near future would be larger than had been anticipated.

The breadth and strength of the current movement in commodity prices has resulted in active efforts in several countries to supplement orthodox monetary policy by direct decree in order to regulate the extent of the rise. This is particularly true of Germany and to a lesser degree of France. In the latter country the advance in wholesale prices accelerated following devaluation of the French franc late in September. There was an increase of 11 p.c. in French wholesale prices during October, with national products mounting 7 p.c. and imported products 22 p.c. The foodstuffs group moved upward only 6 p.c. Wholesale prices in other countries of the former European gold 'bloc' also advanced appreciably during the final quarter of 1936 following devaluation co-incidental with that of the French franc.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
THE SECOND HALF OF 1936

Considerable anxiety regarding the reaction of living costs to currency devaluation in countries of the gold 'bloc' has been allayed to some extent by the moderate increases which have followed in the final quarter of 1936. The October rise in France approximated 4 p.c. which appeared moderate in view of earlier advances in wholesale prices. The scarcity in Germany of certain foods including fats and meats produced a strong upward tendency in prices for these products which became quite pronounced in the last quarter of 1936. The Government met this situation with regulatory price measures to prevent living costs from advancing. Sharp rises in foods were principally responsible for higher living cost indexes for the United Kingdom and Belgium. Recent reports from Chile tell of rapid increases in living costs following the earlier inflationary advance in wholesale prices which was most pronounced between 1931 and 1933. The resultant decline in purchasing power of salaried and wage-earning classes whose incomes have increased less rapidly than prices, has caused considerable concern during the past year.

Authority	Dominion Bureau of Statistics				Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun	Annalist
	General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods				
No. of Commodities	567 (c)	236 (d)	402 (d)	245 (d)	322 (d)	784 (b)	106	200	72 Series
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1913	1913	1913
1913	64.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	9.2115	120.887	100
1914	65.5	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	8.9034	122.211	101
1919	134.0	118.7	139.0	131.5	132.5	138.6	18.6642	230.846	190
1920	155.9	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	18.8095	248.721	205
1921	110.0	108.0	112.8	107.5	116.7	97.6	11.3696	170.451	141
1922	97.3	95.1	99.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	12.1185	171.660	142
1923	98.0	93.7	97.8	91.1	103.1	100.6	13.4028	189.787	157
1924	99.4	93.2	99.5	94.8	101.9	98.1	12.8672	189.322	157
1925	102.6	160.3	104.9	100.8	103.8	103.5	13.9445	197.694	164
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b) 100.0	13.0207	189.398	157
1927	97.7	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	95.4	12.7787	187.092	155
1928	96.4	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	96.7	13.2823	194.521	161
1929	95.6	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	95.3	12.6727	151.043	158
1930	86.6	89.3	88.8	82.2	87.3	86.4	10.7451	174.453	144
1931	72.1	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	73.0	8.7604	147.353	122
1932	66.7	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	64.8	7.0949	134.303	111
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	66.0	7.8557	144.661	120
1934	71.6	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	75.0	9.2195	166.082	137
1935	72.1	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	80.0	9.9222	174.744	145
November	72.7	74.2	69.4	67.2	72.9	80.6	10.2834	(a) 178.614	(a) 128.3
December	72.7	74.4	69.4	67.2	72.9	80.9	10.4029	177.732	148
1936									147
January	72.9	74.2	69.8	67.9	72.8	80.6	10.3641	178.063	147
February	72.5	73.9	69.3	67.5	72.2	80.6	10.0204	179.045	148
March	72.4	73.8	69.3	67.3	72.1	79.6	9.9196	179.601	149
April	72.2	73.3	69.1	66.8	72.2	79.7	9.8541	173.649	144
May	71.8	73.2	68.1	66.2	71.7	78.6	9.8191	173.485	144
June	72.3	73.7	68.5	66.6	71.9	79.2	9.7374	172.136	142
July	74.4	74.3	72.1	69.7	73.3	80.5	9.8538	178.240	147
August	76.2	75.5	74.7	73.0	74.8	81.6	10.1445	181.878	150
September	76.4	75.5	75.0	73.9	75.1	81.6	10.1907	182.498	151
October	77.1	75.8	76.3	75.2	75.4	81.5	10.2716	183.153	152
November	77.2	76.0	76.3	75.8	75.5	82.4			129.1

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and, in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.

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CONTINENT		N. AMERICA				EUROPE					
COUNTRY		MEXICO		ARGENTINA		SOUTH AMERICA		PERU		UNITED KINGDOM	
		Official		Banco de la Nacion		Official		Official		Board of Trade	
		32		108				58		200	
Authority		1929		1926		1913		1913		1930	
No of				75.5		100		100			
Commodities										(f) 307.3	
Base Period										197.2	
1913										158.8	
1914										158.9	
1918										166.2	
1919										159.1	
1920										148.1	
1921										141.6	
1922										140.3	
1923										136.5	
1924										100.0	
1925										87.8	
1926										85.6	
1927										85.7	
1928										88.1	
1929										88.9	
1930										(b) 94.3	
1931										96.1	
1932										64.9	
1933										62.6	
1934										53.1	
1935										93.7	
1935										96.4	
September										99.5	
October										(b)	
November										100.1	
December										100.9	
1936										101.5	
January										102.0	
February										102.0	
March										101.6	
April										100.9	
May										100.2	
June										71.3	
July										70.9	
August										70.9	
September										69.8	
October										70.2	
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										102.1	
										99.3	
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										366	
										347	
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										(b)	
										502	
										554	
										627	
										645	
										630	
										718	
										561	
										137.3(a)	
										141.8	
										134.4	
										137.6	
										140.0	
										137.2	
										124.6	
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										103.4	
										103.6	

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CONTINENT COUNTRY		E U R O P E										
		AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN
Authority		Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Depart- ment	Official	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities		47 (b)	78	130	48	100	95	47	160		23	74
Base Period		January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 21/13 - June 30/14	1913	July 1/13 - June 30/14	1913	1931	1927	1913
1913					100	100	100		100	100		100
1914				100 April	109	115		116				101
1920				366 (c)	292	382		347	359			221
1921	99		200.1	367	182	298		211	222			190
1922	124		157.9	497	160	233		162	173			176
1923	136		169.9	573	151	233	232	157	163			172
1924	136		171.2	559	156	269	268	155	162			183
1925	123		160.5	744	155	251	253	157	161			188
1926	133		144.5	847	145	196	198	144	149			181
1927	130		142.2	843	148	160	167	141	146			172
1928	130		144.6	851	149	155	157(e)	144	148			167
1929	130		141.2	744	142	148	149	134	140			171
1930	117		126.5	626	117	138	137	115	122			172
1931	109		109.7	532	97	123	122	105	111		100	174
1932	112		96.0	501	79	125	122	101	109		74	173
1933	108		91.0	473	74	124	122	100	107		57	159
1934	110		89.8	(f)	78	126	124	107	114		51	163
1935	110		89.8	(f)		132	127	111	116		56	
1935	(d)		(a)	(f)			(d)			(g)	(a)	
November	109		92.8	582	78	134	130	114	118	126	62	
December	109		92.1	579	78	134	131	113	118	126	63	
1936												
January	108		91.1	581	77	134	131	113	118	126	63	
February	107		91.0	582	77	135	132		118	126	63	
March	107		90.9	578	76	135	132		118	126	64	
April	108		91.9	574	75	135	132		118	126	65	
May	108		92.0	569	75	135	132		118	126	62	
June	109		91.9	570	76	135	132		118	125	62	
July	110		93.1	576	77	136	132		119	127	62	
August	109		93.4	582		138	134		120	129	62	
September	110		96.8	594		139	136		122	130	62	
October	111		103.1	602		140	136			133	62	
(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (c) Average of 5 months. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month. (g) New series; 1931=100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.												

(a) End of month.

(b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47.

(c) Average of 5 months.

(d) Fifteenth of month.

(e) New series beginning

1928. (f) Second half of month.

(g) New series; 1931=100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.

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EUROPE													
CONTINENT	ITALY		POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
Authority	Bachi	Chamber of Commerce	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of Commodities	150	125	238	135	132	83	61	55	44	55	52	126	52
Base	1913	1913	1928	1913	1926	1913	1926	Jan. 1913-July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914	1913-1914
Period	1913	100		100		100			100	100	100	100 July	
1914													
1920													
1921	531	517(e)											
1922	508	529											
1923	512	536											
1924	512	554											
1925	596	646											
1926	603	654											
1927	495	527											
1928	462	491											
1929	445	481											
1930	383	411	100.0				100.0						1262
1931	328	342	96.3	134			103.4						1296
1932	304	310	85.5	134	128.6		106.2						1316
1933	280	283	74.6	129	119.9		100.6						1000
1934	273	276	74.6	108	101.9		86.6						859
1935			65.5	94	84.8		72.9						738
			59.1	76	85.1		65.2						648
			55.8	68	83.7		64.4						672
			53.1		83.0		63.2						735
			(a)		86.0		(a)						
1935													
November			54.5										
December			52.7										
1936													
January			52.1										
February			52.2										
March			52.1										
April			53.0										
May			53.7										
June			53.9										
July			53.6										
August			53.9										
September			54.7										
October			55.5										
(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Since January, 1929, new index. (d) Average of last week of month. (e) Average of eight months. (f) Average of last week of month.													
Compiled according to the new gold parity.													

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES									
CONTINENT		A S I A		O C E A N I A		A F R I C A			
COUNTRY	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA		JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Statistique generale Saignon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office
No. of Commodities	72	43	37	100	154	56	92	180	188
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1926	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913
1913	100 (a)	100	100	68		100.0	100.0		100.0
1914	201	216		67		95.5	105.6	1053	96.9
1920	178	198		89		259.4	227.9	2092	223.3
1921	176	187		89	104.6	200.3	174.9	1942	160.4
1922	172	181		87	98.6	195.8	161.6	1665	128.4
1923	173	182		90	102.0	199.1	178.7	1598	126.6
1924	159	163	132	93	97.9	206.4	173.3	1634	128.7
1925	148	149	131	97	99.3	201.6	169.5	1627	127.6
1926	147	154	142	100	100.0	178.8	168.4	1553	123.3
1927	145	149	148	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478	124.0
1928	141	146	153	108	101.7	170.8	164.7	1492	120.4
1929	116	126	153	111	104.5	166.1	165.7	1488	116.0
1930	96	109	129	116	114.8	136.8	146.7	1449	102.7
1931	91	109	116	123	126.7	115.6	131.3	1346(e)	99.5
1932	87	98	106	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1297	91.5
1933	89	95	96	101	103.8	135.6	129.5	1308	93.1
1934	91	99	94	92	97.1	134.2	135.2	1330	101.7
1935	(b)			95	96.4	140.2	135.0	1385	
1935					(b)			(c)	
November	92	98	95	101	103.3	146.3	135.9	1419	94
December	93	97	94	103	103.3	145.0	134.2	1414	94
1936									
January	92	96	94	104	104.3	144.9	135.6	1405	99.6
February	91	95	94	107	105.4	144.3	134.7	1384	92
March	91	95	95	111	106.4	144.1	136.5	1386	89
April	92	94	95	112	107.3	145.4	139.2	1393	88
May	90	94	95	109	105.8	145.4	139.8	1391	84
June	90	95	95	108	106.1	146.3	140.0	1399	84
July	91	96	96	110	107.2	149.2	142.6	1395	83
August	90	97	99	109	107.4	151.7	145.7	1409	83
September	91	98	100	109	107.0	151.9	144.6	1421	82
October				112	109.7	151.4			85
(a) July	(b) End of month	(c) Fifteenth of month	(d) Average for ten months only.	(e) Revised since January, 1931.	(f) Monthly average.				

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		FRANCE	
	CANADA		NATIONAL		MINISTRY OF LABOUR		102 TOWNS & LOCALITIES		300 TOWNS	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Cost of Living	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Paris Foods
Nature of Index	Foods	1926 (c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	Cost of Living
Base Period	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	100 July
1913	66.2	65.4	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	136.2	118.2	256	249	249	249	371	342
1920	141.1	124.2	103.5	102.3	230	226	226	226	337	309
1921	107.9	109.2	96.8	97.4	176	183	183	183	307	296
1922	91.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	169	174	174	174	332	334
1923	92.1	100.0	99.1	101.3	170	175	175	175	380	369
1924	90.7	98.0	107.2	103.7	171	176	176	176	425	400
1925	94.7	99.3	110.6	104.3	164	172	172	172	554	505
1926	100.0	100.0	107.0	102.0	160	168	168	168	556	514
1927	98.1	98.4	105.6	100.5	157	166	166	166	549	519
1928	98.5	98.9	106.9	100.1	154	164	164	164	102.2(h)	556
1929	101.0	99.9	101.7	96.7	145	158	158	158	100.0	581
1930	98.6	99.2	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	147	98.8	569
1931	77.3	89.6	69.7	77.9	126	144	144	144	87.6	526
1932	64.3	81.4	67.8	74.9	120	140	140	140	82.9	520
1933	63.7	77.7	75.3	79.4	122	141	141	141	78.0	516
1934	69.4	78.7	82.1	82.6	125	143	143	143	69.1	483
1935	70.4	79.3	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(d)
1935	(e)	(e)	83.8	83.9	131	147	-	-	71.8	-
December 1936	73.7	80.6	83.5	83.9	131	147	-	-	72.0	-
January	73.9	80.5	82.3	83.5	130	147	-	-	73.6	-
February	72.9	80.3	81.0	83.2	129	146	145	159	73.9	486
March	73.4	80.4	81.0	83.4	126	144	-	-	72.8	-
April	71.0	79.7	81.7	83.8	125	144	141	157	72.2	497
May	71.3	80.0	85.6	85.1	126	144	-	-	74.5	-
June	71.3	80.1	85.8	85.2	129	146	-	-	73.6	-
July	72.6	80.4	85.8	85.6	129	146	-	-	73.7	-
August	74.7	81.0	86.1	85.9	129	146	145	159	77.1	504
September	75.1	81.5	86.1	85.9	131	147	-	-	80.4	-
October	74.4	81.5	84.6	85.7	132	148	-	-	80.4	-
November	75.0	81.7			136	151	-	-		-

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month.
 (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns, 583. (h) Since 1928; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs.
 (j) Revised figures.

CONTINENT		GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA	
Country	Nature of Index	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Warsaw	Foods Warsaw	Cost of Living Prague	Foods Prague	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Foods 44 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Foods Budapest	Cost of Living 12 (67) Towns(n)	Foods
Base		1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914
Period						(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)	(m)		100	100	100	100
1913								692(f)	769(f)	398	393	199(j)	145(j)	1,409	1,766
1914								695	787	636	632	112	132	1,899	2,337
1920								724	827	1,181	1,213	112	132	1,868	2,399
1921								716	800	1,235	1,271	103	155	2,057	2,705
1922								747	850	1,414	1,455	100	126	2,339	3,024
1923								748	842	1,633	1,673	118	131	2,871	2,813
1924								744	813	1,790	1,843	117	124	2,814	2,751
1925								746	782	1,868	1,929	106	105	2,875	2,883
1926								713	712	1,923	1,987	101	96	2,941	2,992
1927								700	677	1,682	1,719	98	91	2,690	2,439
1928								693	657	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	91	81	2,349	1,913
1929								685	633	1,773	1,697	91	81	2,160	1,913
1930								696	656	1,904	1,857	89	77	2,006	1,765
1931								(e)	(e)	1,937	1,898	91	81	1,873	1,676
1932								(b)	(b)	1,961	1,930	(b)	(b)	1,750	1,643
1933								52.0	665	1,989	1,975	93	84	1,711	(h)
1934								48.7	670	1,996	1,982	93	85	1,714	1,636
1935															1,649
November															
December															
1936															
January															
February															
March															
April															
May															
June															
July															
August															
September															
October															
(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (f) Average of last seven months. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32: 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.															

COUNTRY of Index	ROMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY		AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods 3 Towns	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living 50 Towns	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
Base Period	1913	1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	June, 1927	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
1913	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000(h)	(e)	(e)		100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1914								2,374	222	224
1919								4,828	224	242
1920								15,476(c)	200	213
1921	1,305(i)				541	559		57,600	164	163
1922	1,708				501	515		539,783	164	165
1923	2,500				494	499		1250,108	169	172
1924	2,985				527	528		1480,583	168	169
1925	3,250				611	622		1612,150	162	160
1926	3,552				654	655		116(a)	160	158
1927	3,855				588	559		119	161	157
1928	3,964		1,756	1,423	530	517	92.2	119	161	156
1929	4,244		1,819	1,446	545	543	93.9	122	158	152
1930	(4,206)		1,654	1,318	530	519	90.7	118	150	141
1931	3,004(j)	(4,046)	1,523	1,202	485	452	81.9	108	138	126
1932	2,512	2,796(j)	1,374	1,076	468	431	78.1	110	131	117
1933	2,319	2,323	1,189		449		74.7		129	115
1934	2,235	2,163	1,104		430		70.2		128	114
1935	2,552	2,087					66.9		(g)	(g)
1935		2,439							129	117
October	2,550	2,457							130	118
November	2,546	2,423							130	118
December	2,818	2,722							130	118
1936									130	119
January	2,954	2,860							130	119
February	2,966	2,864							130	120
March	2,981	2,860							130	120
April	2,996	2,881							130	121
May									132	123
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December.

(e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month.

(i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84 Towns
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1911-13	1911-13	Jan.-June 1914	Jan.-June 1914	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913		100(h)	(j)	(j)							100	100			100	100
1914	100(h)		100(h)	100(h)												
1918			219(h)	258(h)												
1919			257(h)	318(h)												
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)												
1921	277	295	236(h)	231(h)												
1922	231	231	190(h)	178(h)												
1923	218	217	174(h)	158(h)												
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)												
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)												
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)												
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)												
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)												
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)												
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)												
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)												
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)												
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)												
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)												
1935	151	137	156(h)	129(h)												
1935	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)												
October	153	142	157	131												
November	153	142	-	-												
December	153	142	-	-												
1936																
January	153	142	158	132												
February	153	143	-	-												
March	154	144	-	-												
April	155	145	158	134												
May	155	144	-	-												
June	155	145	-	-												
July	155	145	158	134												
August	154	142	-	-												
September	155	143	-	-												
October	155	143	157	132												
(a) Since 1928, new series.																
(b) First of month.																
(c) Since March, 1916, new series.																
(d) End of month.																
(f) Since date of stabilization, gold index.																
(g) Revised from May, 1931.																
(h) July.																
(i) Fifteenth of month.																
(j) New method of calculation since 1932.																

CONTINENT		EUROPE			AFRICA			ASIA			
COUNTRY	SPAIN	PORTUGAL		EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE	TURKEY	INDIA	DUTCH E. INDIES	INDO-CHINA
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country	Foods Country	Cost of Living Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Cost of Living Istanbul	Cost of Living Bombay	Cost of Living Java & Madura	Cost of Living Saigon
Base Period	1914	June 1914	June 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	1914	1914	January 1922	1914	July 1914	1913	1925
1913											
1914	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)	202	100	100		1,000	100(a)	100	
1919	174			237	145				186(a)		
1920	190			196	179				190(a)		
1921	189			176	162	145	88.2		177(a)	213	
1922	181			162	135	119	76.6		165(a)	173	
1923	177			161	131	117	79.4		153(a)	160	
1924	184			165	133	120	83.8		148(a)	166	
1925	189			160	131	118	82.1		151(a)	165	
1926	187			153	131	118	77.4		152(a)	174	100
1927	189			152	131	117	73.7		155(a)	158	99
1928	176		3,030	151	131	115	69.4		154(a)	148	103
1929	181	2,361	2,362	148	128	110	61.4	1,381	143(a)	157	104
1930	186	2,243	2,241	138	123	105	55.3	1,272	145(a)	152	112
1931	194	1,990	1,985	132	118	96	56.6	1,203	136(a)	102	117
1932	205	1,949	1,948	125	115	99	54.9	1,172	100(a)	76	92
1933	192	1,948		127	116	104	55.1	1,047	102(a)		76
1934		1,968		130	116	102	53.4	1,031	95(a)		69
1935		1,982						957	87(a)		60
1935		(b)							93(a)		
October		2,014		133	115	100	53.6	955	(d)		
November		1,951		132	115	101	53.5	980	94		
December		1,992		132	115	101	53.8	997	96		
1936									95		
January		1,972		131	116	102	54.1	979	96		
February		1,962		132	116	102	53.3	983	93		
March		1,952		132	116	102	53.5	980	94		
April		1,936		130	116	102	52.9	971	92		
May		2,012		130	116	103	54.2	949	92		
June		2,037		130	116	103	56.4	950	92		
July		2,063		130	116	101	59.1	953	93		
August		2,087		127	115	100	59.2	946	93		
September		2,074		129	115	100	60.5	947	101		
October				128	115	100		900	101		

(a) July (b) Middle of Month (c) June (d) Average from sixteenth of current month to fifteenth of following month.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	A S I A			O C E A N I A			SOUTH AMERICA		
	CHINA			JAPAN			PERU		
	Cost of Living Peiping	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago
Base Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1928
1913					100 July	100 July	100	100	
1914							104	107	
1919							188	188	
1920							210	208	
1921					236	257	199	183	
1922					221	228	190	174	
1923					221	233	180	166	
1924					218	236	187	168	
1925					199	217	200	179	
1926	102.0	103.7	100.0	100.0	189	211	201	182	
1927	100.0	100.0	106.7	106.7	184	202	194	177	
1928	101.6	101.5	102.5	92.1	181	203	181	161	
1929	106.5	107.6	107.9	98.4	155	173	177	159	(108)
1930	109.6	111.8	121.8	118.8	136	151	169	157	109
1931	95.8	92.5	125.9	107.5	137	158	158	148	108
1932	91.2	85.4	119.1	101.3	146	161	151	143	104
1933	81.0	72.4	107.2	86.9	149	164	148	139	(d) 114
1934	79.5	69.9	106.2	86.4	152	170	150	148	141
1935	85.9	79.0	106.6	89.1	(b)	175	152	147	142
1935					(a)	80.9	(b)	(b)	144
October	85.5	79.1	103.9	86.3	154	175	153	147	145
November	92.8	88.8	109.2	90.3	155	175	155	151	146
December	93.5	89.4	109.3	88.9	156	177	155	150	147
1936									
January	95.3	92.9	111.0	93.3	157	180	157	154	146
February	95.1	93.0	112.0	98.6	159	185	158	155	147
March	97.6	95.8	114.1	102.2	160	186	158	155	149
April	98.2	96.1	111.7	97.9	160	188	158	155	152
May	102.7	102.4	111.1	97.6	160	188	160	157	156
June	98.6	97.0	111.8	99.3	158	183	160	157	157
July	102.5	102.2	112.2	99.8	158	183	160	157	157
August	99.3	98.5	115.5	105.7	159	186	161	158	160
September	99.0	97.8	113.5	102.3	160	186	161	159	
October	102.0	102.3	114.0	102.7	159	182	161	159	

(a) Average of quarter.

(b) Middle of month.

(c) Since October, 1933 including heating.

(d) Revised index, including rent.

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1937

Commodity prices continued to rise at an accelerated rate during the first quarter of 1937. The lead in this movement was taken by metals, with sharp increases in iron and steel supplementing advances in non-ferrous markets. Iron and steel are characteristically stable commodities for which prices usually change infrequently and in relatively small amounts. Food materials lagged somewhat, particularly in the case of animal products, although in the earlier stages of price recovery, foods showed the greatest increases. Industrial products and building materials have moved up substantially since the beginning of the year.

Advances were most pronounced in Japan and in those countries which devalued their currencies in September and October 1936. In the case of the latter, i.e., France, Switzerland and the Netherlands, wholesale prices have moved upward by appreciably less than the amount of devaluation. Between September and February the value of the French franc dropped 39 p.c., while the Statistique Générale wholesale price index for France mounted approximately 27 p.c. Corresponding percentages for Switzerland were 39 p.c. for currency depreciation and 12 p.c. for the average price rise which compared with 22 p.c. and 19.5 p.c. respectively for the Netherlands. In Japan, prices rose precipitately by 16 p.c. between September and January, but reacted slightly in the following month. Prior to that time there had been some apprehension as to whether yen stabilization initiated at the beginning of the current year, would prove effective in checking the rapid advance of 1936. This movement had increased the wholesale price level by 9 p.c., and placed it above the 1929 average.

A new wholesale price index for Italy recently replaced several series which were discontinued in the fall months of 1935. This index which gives considerable importance to regulated official prices has advanced less than 7 p.c. since the beginning of 1936. The official German index has likewise shown a very moderate increase in the past nine months when prices in other countries have been rising rapidly. Apart from firmness in the metal group there has been little change in this series. The German shortage of cereal grains was relieved during the past two months by considerable purchases abroad, and the meat situation is said to have improved.

Earlier price stability in the Scandinavian countries was disturbed in the past six months by broad advances in which metals have been conspicuous. They have compared closely, however, with the rise in United Kingdom indexes, so that no undue strain should result upon sterling exchange ratios that have varied little in recent years.

Further devaluation in the Czechoslovakian crown of between 13.3 p.c. and 18.7 p.c. on October 8, 1936, has been followed by a moderate rise of approximately 5 p.c. in currency price levels, although a gold wholesale price index has declined a further 10 p.c. Price increases in United States since last June were less rapid than in Canada and index numbers for the two countries are again upon approximately the same level. At the end of March the official United States index was 88.3 as compared with 86.9 for the Bureau of Statistics Canadian index. At the beginning of 1936, there was a difference of 7.7 in these two series.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1937

A gradual advance in retail prices continued in most countries with relatively sharp increases in the Tokyo and Paris cost of living index numbers. As formerly, this movement was dominated mainly by foods. The rise in the Paris index has not caused undue concern as it has been accompanied by substantial wage increases, and remains of considerably smaller proportions than the current advance in wholesale prices. The situation in Japan, however, was different, and in the absence of a rise in wage levels, it was believed that wage earners' living standards would be affected. In the United Kingdom, living costs tended to stabilize again following an appreciable advance in the latter half of 1936. United States indexes showed fractional gains in the first quarter of 1937 after fluctuating within very narrow limits for the preceding six months. For March, the National Industrial Conference Board series for the United States was 87.9, while the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index for Canada was 82.0. Both series were 100.0 in 1923.

COUNTRY	AUTHORITY	DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS										UNITED STATES						Dun	Analyst
		C.A.N.A.D.A.										S.T.A.T.E.S.							
		NORTH AMERICA										BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS							
General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun		72 Series									
No. of Commodities	567 (c)	236 (d)	402 (d)	245 (d)	322 (d)	200	784 (b)	106	1913	200	1913	1913	200	1913	1913				
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1913	200	1913	1913	200	1913	72 Series				
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	100	120.887	100	100	120.887	100	100				
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	66.4	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211	101	97	122.211	101	-				
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	248.721	205	204	248.721	205	-				
1922	97.3	152.0	95.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	96.7	12.1185	132	171.660	142	132	171.660	142	-				
1923	98.0	153.0	93.7	91.1	103.1	101.1	100.6	13.4028	146	189.787	157	146	189.787	157	-				
1924	99.4	155.2	93.2	94.8	101.9	98.9	98.1	12.8672	140	189.322	157	140	189.322	157	-				
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	100.8	103.8	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.694	164	151	197.694	164	-				
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b) 100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	157	141	189.398	157	158.9				
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	99.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	155	139	187.092	155	150.2				
1928	96.4	150.6	95.3	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521	161	144	194.521	161	144.7				
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	151.043	158	138	151.043	158	149.0				
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453	144	117	174.453	144	145.6				
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	61.9	74.5	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353	122	95	147.353	122	127.6				
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303	111	77	134.303	111	104.1				
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	7.8557	85	144.661	120	85	144.661	120	91.1				
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	166.082	137	100	166.082	137	94.9				
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	66.0	72.8	83.0	80.0	9.9222	108	174.744	145	108	174.744	145	113.2				
1936						83.7	80.8	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	125.9				
January	72.9	113.9	74.2	67.9	72.8	84.0	80.6	10.3641	113	178.063	147	113	178.063	147	128.3				
February	72.5	113.2	73.9	67.5	72.2	83.5	80.6	10.0204	109	179.045	148	109	179.045	148	126.4				
March	72.4	113.1	73.8	67.3	72.1	82.6	79.6	9.9196	108	179.601	149	108	179.601	149	124.9				
April	72.2	112.8	73.3	66.8	72.2	82.5	79.7	9.8541	107	173.649	144	107	173.649	144	123.8				
May	71.8	112.2	73.2	66.2	71.7	81.1	78.6	9.8191	107	173.485	144	107	173.485	144	120.4				
June	72.3	112.9	73.7	66.6	71.9	82.3	79.2	9.7374	106	172.136	142	106	172.136	142	121.4				
July	74.4	116.2	74.3	69.7	73.3	83.5	80.5	9.8538	107	178.240	147	107	178.240	147	125.6				
August	76.2	119.0	75.5	73.0	74.8	84.0	81.6	10.1445	110	181.878	150	110	181.878	150	127.8				
September	76.4	119.3	75.5	73.9	75.1	84.1	81.6	10.1907	111	182.498	151	111	182.498	151	127.8				
October	77.1	120.4	75.8	75.2	75.4	84.1	81.5	10.2716	112	183.153	152	112	183.153	152	127.3				
November	77.2	120.6	76.0	75.8	75.5	85.6	82.4	10.2214	111	184.397	153	111	184.397	153	129.2				
December	79.7	124.5	76.9	79.3	77.3	87.4	84.2	10.7895	117	192.959	160	117	192.959	160	134.0				
1937																			
January	81.3	127.0	77.7	82.4	78.4	90.4	85.9	11.1360	121	206.544	171	121	206.544	171	138.4				
February	82.9	129.5	78.6	83.8	78.8	90.8	86.3	11.2320	122	203.206	168	122	203.206	168	139.4				
(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.																			

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.

Authority	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN	
	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities	47 (b)	78	130	48	100	95	47	160	23	74
Base Period	January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 21/13 - June 30/14	1913	July 1/13 - June 30/14	1913	1927	1913
1913		100 April	100 April	100	100	100		100	1931	1913
1914				109	115		116		100	100
1920				292	382		347			101
1924	136	171.2	573	156	269	268	155	359		221
1925	136	160.5	559	155	251	253	157	162		183
1926	123	144.5	744	145	196	198	144	161	210	188
1927	133	142.2	847	148	160	167	141	149	163	181
1928	130	144.6	843	149	155	157(e)	144	146	153	172
1929	130	141.2	851	142	146	149	134	148	153	167
1930	117	126.5	744	117	138	137	115	140	150	171
1931	109	109.7	626	97	123	122	105	122	130	172
1932	112	96.0	532	79	125	122	101	111	114	174
1933	108	91.0	501	74	124	122	100	109	117	173
1934	110	89.8	473	78	126	124	107	107	125	159
1935	110	89.8	537	76	132	127	107	114	132	163
1936	109	95.6	605	79	138	134	111	116	51	
1936	(d)	(a)	(f)			(d)		120	56	
January	108	91.1	581	77	134	131	113	118	63	
February	107	91.0	582	77	135	132		118	(a)	
March	107	90.9	578	76	135	132		118	126	
April	108	91.9	574	75	135	132		118	126	
May	108	92.0	569	75	135	132		118	126	
June	109	91.9	570	76	135	132		118	126	
July	110	93.1	576	77	136	132		118	125	
August	109	93.4	582	77	138	134		119	127	
September	110	96.8	594	77	139	136		120	129	
October	111	103.1	602	87	140	136		122	130	
November	111	105.2	615	88	142	137		123	133	
December	111	106.8	637	92	147	140		124	134	
1937								126	136	
January	112	108.4	658		150	144			137	

(a) End of month.

(b) No. of commodities changed from 1913 to 1937.

(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928.
(f) Second half of month. (g) New series; 1931=100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.

COUNTRY	ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
Authority	Bach	Official	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of Commodities	150	293	135	139	88	61	55	60	55	52	126	52
Base	June 1928	June 1928	June 1928	June 1928	June 1928	June 1928	June 1928	June 1928	June 1928	June 1928	June 1928	June 1928
Period	1913	1928	1913	1926	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913- July 1914	1914	1913	July, 1914	1913- 1914
1913	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1914	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1920	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508
1922	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512
1923	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512
1924	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512
1925	596	596	596	596	596	596	596	596	596	596	596	596
1926	603	603	603	603	603	603	603	603	603	603	603	603
1927	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495
1928	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462
1929	445	445	445	445	445	445	445	445	445	445	445	445
1930	383	383	383	383	383	383	383	383	383	383	383	383
1931	328	328	328	328	328	328	328	328	328	328	328	328
1932	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304
1933	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280
1934	273	273	273	273	273	273	273	273	273	273	273	273
1935	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1936	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1936	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3
February	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5
March	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.4
April	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9
May	75.6	75.6	75.6	75.6	75.6	75.6	75.6	75.6	75.6	75.6	75.6	75.6
June	75.8	75.8	75.8	75.8	75.8	75.8	75.8	75.8	75.8	75.8	75.8	75.8
July	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7
August	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9	75.9
September	76.9	76.9	76.9	76.9	76.9	76.9	76.9	76.9	76.9	76.9	76.9	76.9
October	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1
November	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.8
December	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0
1937	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4
(a) End of month.	(b) First of month.	(c) Since January, 1929, new index.	(d) Since March 1934, compiled according to the new gold parity.	(e) New series; June 1928=100.	(f) Average of last week of month.							

COUNTRY	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Statistique générale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72	43	37	100	154	56	92	180	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1926	1926	1913	1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
1913	100 (a)	100	100			100.0	100.0	100.0	
1914	201	279		68		95.5	105.6	96.9	216
1920	172	173		67		259.4	227.9	223.3	132
1923	181	173		89		199.1	178.7	126.6	143
1924	182	173		90	102.0	206.4	173.3	126.7	152
1925	163	166	132	93	97.9	201.6	169.5	127.6	132
1926	149	159	131	97	99.3	178.8	168.4	124.0	121
1927	147	154	142	100	100.0	169.8	167.0	120.4	120
1928	146	149	148	103	104.4	170.8	164.7	116.0	116
1929	145	148	153	108	101.7	166.1	165.7	102.7	104
1930	141	145	153	111	104.5	136.8	146.7	99.5	97
1931	126	134	153	116	114.8	115.6	131.3	91.5	84
1932	96	105	129	123	126.7	121.7	129.7	93.1	71
1933	91	86	116	113	112.4(d)	135.6	129.5	101.7	87
1934	87	71	106	101	103.8	140.2	135.2		95
1935	89	67	96	92	97.1	149.2	135.0		85
1936	91	65	94	95	96.4				
1936 (b)	92			111	108.5				
January	92	65	94	104	(b)	144.9	135.6	99.6	92
February	91	65	94	107	104.3	144.3	134.7	-	89
March	91	64	95	111	105.4	144.1	136.5	-	88
April	92	64	95	112	106.4	145.4	139.2	99.7	84
May	90	64	95	109	107.3	145.4	139.8	-	84
June	90	64	95	108	105.8	146.3	140.0	-	83
July	91	64	96	110	106.1	149.2	142.6	96.4	83
August	90	64	99	109	107.2	151.7	145.7	-	82
September	91	65	100	109	107.4	151.9	144.6	-	85
October	93	73	104	112	107.0	151.4	146.2	-	84
November	93		110	115	109.7	153.8	148.9	98.8	83
December	94			123	113.0	162.4			84
1937					118.8				
January				126	121.6	176.3		1449	
(a) July	(b) End of month	(c) Fifteenth of month	(d) Average for ten months only.	(e) Revised since January, 1931.	(f) Monthly average.				

Nature of Index	CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		FRANCE	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living		Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities	
	Foods	Cost of Living	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	300 Towns Foods	Paris Foods
Base Period	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913	66.2	65.4	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	(g) (i)	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	136.2	118.2	256	249	249	188	386	371
1920	141.1	124.2	103.5	102.3	230	226	226	184	374	371
1921	107.9	109.2	96.8	97.4	176	183	183	190	317	337
1922	91.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	169	174	174	186	307	307
1923	92.1	100.0	99.1	101.3	170	175	175	190	332	296
1924	90.7	98.0	107.2	103.7	171	176	176	190	349	334
1925	94.7	99.3	110.6	104.3	171	176	176	190	406	369
1926	100.0	100.0	107.0	102.0	164	172	172	185	456	400
1927	98.1	98.4	105.6	100.6	160	168	168	175	571	505
1928	98.6	98.9	106.9	100.1	157	166	166	174	551	514
1929	101.0	99.9	101.7	96.7	154	164	164	176	537	519
1930	98.6	99.2	83.7	87.2	145	158	158	171	609	556
1931	77.3	89.6	69.7	77.9	131	147	147	161	605	581
1932	64.3	81.4	67.8	74.9	126	144	144	157	535	569
1933	63.7	77.7	75.3	79.4	120	140	140	151	501	526
1934	69.4	78.7	82.1	82.6	122	141	141	152	474	520
1935	70.4	79.1	(f)	(f)	125	143	143	155	417	516
1936	(e)	(e)	81.0	83.2	(e)	(e)	(e)	160	452	463
March	73.4	80.4	81.0	83.2	129	146	146	(f)	(f)	507
April	71.0	79.6	81.0	83.4	126	144	144	-	73.9	(d)
May	71.3	80.0	81.7	83.8	125	144	144	-	72.8	-
June	71.3	80.0	85.6	85.1	126	144	144	157	72.2	497
July	72.6	80.4	85.8	85.2	129	146	146	-	74.5	-
August	74.7	81.0	85.8	85.6	129	146	146	-	73.6	-
September	75.1	81.1	86.1	85.9	129	147	147	159	73.7	504
October	74.4	81.1	84.6	85.7	131	147	147	-	77.1	-
November	75.0	81.4	84.3	85.8	132	148	148	-	80.4	-
December	75.3	81.7	84.7	86.1	136	151	151	166	83.8	540
1937	75.3	81.7	84.7	86.1	136	151	151	-	85.3	-
January	75.2	81.6	86.4	86.9	136	151	151	509	88.2	-
February	75.6	81.8	86.4	86.9	136	151	151	-	91.2	-

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.

E U R O P E																
CONTINENT		GERMANY			BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA	
Country of Index	Nature	Cost of Living		Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
		72 Towns	72 Towns	72 Towns	59 Localities	Warsaw	Warsaw	Prague	Prague	44 Towns	44 Towns	Budapest	Budapest	12 (67)	Towns(n)	1914
Base		1913/1914	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914
1913							(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)	(m)		100	100		
1914									100(g)	100(g)	100		100	100		
1920																100
1921		1065(g)	1252(g)	1252(g)	100	100					398	393			1,409	1,766
1922		1250(g)	1491(g)	1491(g)	90	90					636	632			1,899	2,337
1923		5392(g)	6836(g)	6836(g)	106	106					1,181	1,213			1,868	2,399
1924		2765100(g)	4651000(g)	4651000(g)	127	127			692(f)	769(f)	1,235	1,271			2,057	2,705
1925		(a) 127.6	(a) 126.3	(a) 126.3	137	137			724	787	1,414	1,455		145(j)	2,339	3,024
1926		139.8	147.8	147.8	171	171			716	800	1,633	1,673		132	2,871	2,813
1927		141.2	144.4	144.4	203	203			747	850	1,790	1,843		155	2,814	2,751
1928		147.6	151.9	151.9	208	208			748	842	1,868	1,929		126	2,875	2,883
1929		151.7	152.3	152.3	207	207			744	813	1,923	1,987		131	2,941	2,992
1930		154.0	154.5	154.5	218	218			746	782	1,682	1,719		124	2,690	2,439
1931		148.1	142.9	142.9	209	209			713	712	1,671(1)	1,575(1)		105	2,349	1,913
1932		136.1	127.6	127.6	176	176			700	677	1,773	1,697		96	2,160	1,765
1933		120.6	112.3	112.3	150	150			693	657	1,904	1,857		91	2,006	1,680
1934		118.0	109.9	109.9	130	130			685	633	1,937	1,887		81	1,873	1,676
1935		121.1	116.2	116.2	143	143			704	656	1,957	1,919		77	1,750	1,643
1936		123.0	120.4	120.4	146	146			710	671	2,028	2,034		81		
1937		124.5	122.4	122.4	(k)	(k)	(b)	(b)	(e)	(e)				87	(h)	(h)
April		124.3	122.4	122.4	155	155	60.7	48.4	712	674	2,011	2,009		89	1,656	1,615
May		124.3	122.4	122.4	151	151	61.3	49.3	714	677	2,003	1,999		88	1,654	1,616
June		124.5	122.8	122.8	155	155	60.7	48.4	716	683	1,994	1,985		86	1,655	1,622
July		125.3	124.0	124.0	149	149	60.8	48.6	709	675	1,995	1,992		86	1,665	1,651
August		125.4	124.2	124.2	156	156	60.5	48.0	708	672	2,026	2,038		88	1,648	1,614
September		124.4	122.0	122.0	160	160	60.7	48.3	704	667	2,039	2,054		88	1,650	1,631
October		124.4	121.7	121.7	165	165	61.6	49.4	707	667	2,057	2,076		88	1,665	1,671
November		124.3	121.3	121.3	169	169	61.9	49.6	704	661	2,065	2,086		87	1,678	1,703
December		124.3	121.0	121.0	169	169	62.4	50.3	706	661	2,079	2,100		89	1,683	1,714
1937																
January		124.5	121.4	121.4	171	171	63.8	52.5	711	664			101	93		
(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (f) Average of last seven months. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.																

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (f) Average of last seven months. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32 67 towns monthly figures, 12 towns.

COUNTRY	ROMANIA			YUGOSLAVIA			ITALY			AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods 3 Towns	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living June, 1928	Foods June, 1928	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
Base Period	1913	1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June, 1914	Jan.-June, 1914	Jan.-June, 1914	June, 1928	June, 1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
1913	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000(h)	(e)	(e)	(e)			100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1914										2,374		222	224
1919										4,828		224	242
1920										15,476(c)	57,600	200	213
1921	1,305(i)					541	559			460,733	539,783	164	163
1922	1,708					501	515			88	1250,108	164	165
1923	2,500					494	499			97	1480,583	169	172
1924	2,985					527	528			103	1612,150	168	169
1925	3,250					611	622			106	116(a)	162	160
1926	3,552					654	655			108	119	160	158
1927	3,855					588	559	(d)	(d)	119	122	161	157
1928	3,964					530	517	100	100	111	118	158	152
1929	4,244					545	543			111	108	150	141
1930	(4,206)	(4,046)				530	519			106	110	138	126
1931	3,004(j)	2,796(j)				485	452			108		131	117
1932	2,512	2,323				468	431			105		129	115
1933	2,319	2,163				449				105		128	114
1934	2,235	2,087				430				105		130	120
1935	2,552	2,439								(b)		(g)	(g)
1936										106		130	118
January	2,954	2,860								105		130	118
February	2,966	2,864								104		130	118
March	2,981	2,860								104		130	119
April	2,996	2,881								105		130	119
May										106		130	120
June										104		130	120
July										105		130	120
August										105		130	120
September										105		132	121
October										105		132	123
November										105		132	123
December										105		132	123
1937										105		133	123
January										105		133	123

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December. (d) New series; June, 1928 = 100. (e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (h) July. (i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years.

EUROPE											
COUNTRY	NATURE OF INDEX	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND	
		Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods 100 Localities	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns
Base Period		July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1911-13	1911-13	Jan.-June 1914	Jan.-June 1914
1913				(j)	(j)						
1914		100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	232	227				
1920		300	319	270(h)	287(h)	200	184				
1921		277	295	236(h)	231(h)	206	189				
1922		231	231	190(h)	178(h)	216	204				
1923		218	217	174(h)	158(h)	211	201				
1924		239	250	171(h)	155(h)	184	160				
1925		243	256	176(h)	168(h)	177	152				
1926		206	197	172(h)	156(h)	163	148(h)				
1927		166	173	169(h)	148(h)	150	136				
1928		173(c)	168(c)	173(h)	156(h)	143	120				
1929		166	158	169(h)	148(h)	161	116				
1930		161	152	164(h)	138(h)	165	136				
1931		153	139	158(h)	127(h)	155	120				
1932		149	134	156(h)	124(h)	155	116				
1933		147	131	153(h)	120(h)	161	116				
1934		146	132	155(h)	123(h)	155	116				
1935		151	137	156(h)	129(h)	155	116				
1936		155	144	158(h)	134(h)	155	116				
1936		(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)	134(h)	134(h)				
January		153	142	158	132	132	132				
February		153	143	158	132	132	132				
March		154	144	-	-	131	119				
April		155	145	158	134	-	-				
May		155	144	-	-	131	117				
June		155	145	-	-	-	-				
July		155	145	158	134	-	-				
August		154	142	-	-	132	119				
September		155	143	-	-	-	-				
October		155	143	157	132	-	-				
November		155	144	-	-	134	131				
December		157	145	-	-	-	-				
1937											
January		158	148	158	133	134	131				

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (e) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (f) Since date of calculation since 1932. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932.

COUNTRY	SPAIN		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE		TURKEY		INDIA		DUTCH E. INDIES		INDO-CHINA
Nature of Index Base	Cost of Living Madrid	Foods Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country	Foods Living Cairo	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Living Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods Living Istanbul	Cost of Living Istanbul	Foods Istanbul	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Java & Madura	Foods Living Saigon	Foods Saigon
Period	1914	1914	June 1914	Jan. 1913-July 1914	Jan. 1913-July 1914	Jan. 1913-July 1914	1914	1914	January 1922	1914	1914	1914	July 1914	July 1914	1913	1925	1925
1913																	
1914	100	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)	1,000(c)	224(a)	100	100		1,000	1,000		100(a)	100(a)	100		
1919	174			202	145	281(a)	145	145					186(a)	187(a)			
1920	190			237	179	196(a)	179	179					190(a)	188(a)			
1921	189	184		196	162	172(a)	162	162	88.2				177(a)	174(a)	213	216	
1922	181	177		176	135	152(a)	135	135	76.6				165(a)	160(a)	173	172	
1923	177	174		162	131	148(a)	131	131	79.4				153(a)	148(a)	160	158	
1924	184	188		161	133	158(a)	133	133	83.8				157(a)	151(a)	167	166	
1925	189	195		165	133	158(a)	133	133	82.1				157(a)	152(a)	166	165	
1926	187	191		160	131	147(a)	131	131	77.4				156(a)	155(a)	174	174	
1927	189	196		153	131	144	131	131	73.7				147(a)	143(a)	160	158	
1928	176	178		152	131	146	131	131	69.4				148(a)	145(a)	148	148	
1929	181	185	3,030	151	131	141	131	131	61.4				140(a)	136(a)	158	157	
1930	186	194	2,362	148	128	123	128	110	55.3	1,555	1,292	1,555	108(a)	100(a)	152	152	
1931	194	205	2,241	138	123	112	123	105	56.6	1,114	1,030	1,114	109(a)	102(a)	106	105	
1932	187	192	1,986	132	118	101	118	96	54.9	1,172	924	1,172	103(a)	95(a)	80	92	
1933	181		1,948	125	115	110	115	99 ^m	55.1	1,047	912	1,047	97(a)	87(a)		92	
1934	181		1,968	127	116	115	116	104	53.4	892	892	892	101(a)	93(a)		76	
1935	186		1,982	130	116	115	116	102					101(a)	93(a)		85	
1936						115							(d)	(d)		78	
1936			(b)														
January			1,972	131	116	116	116	102	54.1	979	947	947	103	96			
February			1,962	132	116	115	116	102	53.3	983	962	962	102	93			
March			1,952	132	116	116	116	102	53.5	980	973	973	102	94			
April			1,936	130	116	112	116	102	52.9	971	963	963	100	92			
May			2,012	130	116	112	116	103	54.2	949	914	914	100	92			
June			2,037	130	116	112	116	103	56.4	950	923	923	100	92			
July			2,063	130	116	113	116	101	59.1	953	933	933	101	93			
August			2,087	127	115	109	115	100	59.2	946	914	914	101	93			
September			2,074	129	115	111	115	100	60.5	947	900	900	102	94			
October			2,095	128	115	111	115	100	57.7				103	95			
November			2,045	129	116	112	116	101	57.8				104	96			
December				129		112							103	95			
1937						112											
January				130		111							104				

(a) July (b) Middle of Month (c) June (d) Average from sixteenth of current month to fifteenth of following month.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	ASIA			OCEANIA			SOUTH AMERICA		
	CHINA			JAPAN			PERU		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods and Groceries	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living
Base	Peiping	Peiping	Shanghai	Tokio	30 Towns	25 Towns	Lima	Lima	Santiago
Period	1927	1927	1926	July, 1914	1923- 1927	1926- 1930	1913	1913	1928
1913				100 July	68.7	70.3	100	100	1928
1914						62.8 July	104	107	
1920				236	96.7	101.9	210	208	
1922				221	99.6	95.2	190	174	
1923				221	98.0	95.9	180	166	
1924				218	99.1	98.4	187	168	
1925				199	100.6	100.4	200	179	
1926	102.0	103.7	100.0	217	102.7	103.0	201	182	
1927	100.0	100.0	106.7	189	100.4	102.6	194	177	
1928	101.6	101.5	92.1	184	98.9	98.3	181	161	(108)
1929	106.5	107.6	98.4	202	104.7	100.4	177	159	119
1930	109.6	111.8	118.8	203	94.6	97.4	169	148	115
1931	95.8	92.5	107.5	173	83.0	84.4	158	143	103
1932	91.2	85.4	101.3	151	80.0	77.5	151	139	115
1933	81.0	72.4	86.9	158	75.4	73.2	148	148	147
1934	79.5	69.9	86.4	161	80.3	80.8	150	147	149
1935	85.9	79.0	89.1	164	81.6	83.7	152	144	155
1936	100.2	99.5	100.7	170	80.9	86.1	160	157	
1936				184		(b)	(b)	(b)	
January	95.3	92.9	93.3	(b)	(a)	(b)	146	154	157
February	95.1	93.0	98.6	180	81.2	84.1	147	155	155
March	97.6	95.8	102.2	185	81.5	83.0	158	155	159
April	98.2	96.1	97.9	186	80.7	82.7	158	155	161
May	102.7	102.4	97.6	188	81.5	84.5	158	155	168
June	98.6	97.0	99.3	188	81.6	86.1	160	157	172
July	102.5	102.2	99.8	183	81.8	87.0	160	157	174
August	99.3	98.5	105.7	183	82.5	87.5	160	157	176
September	99.0	97.8	102.3	186	83.9	87.8	161	158	182
October	102.0	102.3	102.7	186	84.2	89.8	161	159	184
November	104.9	106.6	103.3	182	84.4	89.3	162	160	
December	107.9	110.3	106.8	181	84.7	90.0	162	160	
1937				183	85.4	91.6	162	159	
January	113.9	119.8	111.3	194	85.7	90.9	162		

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933 including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
SECOND QUARTER OF 1937

After reaching a peak in March, wholesale price levels for many basic commodities reacted rather sharply in the next two months, thereby checking the rapid rise that began in July 1936. This decline was most pronounced in non-ferrous metals, but grains also moved lower for a time. Their recovery in June helped to initiate a more hesitant advance in wholesale commodity price levels which persisted into the third quarter despite more recent sharp decreases in wheat, cotton, and rubber. These have been counterbalanced by another upswing in non-ferrous metals.

While wholesale price index numbers in the principal countries of the world advanced without exception during the first quarter of 1937, declines were not unusual in the second quarter. They occurred in Czechoslovakia, Germany, Japan, Poland, Switzerland and the United States. Advances in other countries were usually only fractional amounts of increases in the first quarter. Probably the most consistent gains between March and June were registered for building materials.

A noteworthy feature of 1937 has been the attention given to price control in widely separated areas. The most comprehensive effort in this direction has undoubtedly been that made by Germany. Official bodies have also been set up in the Irish Free State and in Japan, mainly for the purpose of curbing a strong upward impulse in price levels. The German wholesale index is currently very little above levels of last December despite an increase of approximately 100 p.c. in the price of raw rubber following the imposition of an import tax of 125 RM. per 100 kilos in May. Difficulty has been experienced in establishing price calculating rules among retail outlets however, according to results from an official check-up of textile retailers. It is stated that this has been due chiefly to misunderstanding or ignorance of regulations, and that infractions were limited principally to the smaller concerns. German price decrees were issued last October, whereas action in the Irish Free State and Japan was not taken until April and May of this year.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
SECOND QUARTER OF 1937

Advances in living costs were less pronounced between March and June than in the first quarter of 1937. However, moderate increases were recorded during this period in most countries, and for a few, notably France, Italy, and Norway, living cost indexes advanced by more than 2 p.c. Foods and clothing were principally responsible for the movement upward. No declines of any consequence were observed.

The relative behaviour of wholesale price and living cost indexes in various countries offered marked contrasts during the first half of 1937. The Paris cost of living index practically kept pace with French wholesale price indexes, while in the Netherlands, a rise of over 7 p.c. in wholesale prices was accompanied by a movement of less than 2 p.c. in living costs, and the same was approximately true of Belgium. The Tokyo cost of living index appeared to be levelling off in the second quarter after reflecting only about one-half of the 11 p.c. wholesale price rise in the first quarter. Living costs in the United Kingdom showed an appreciable reaction in June and July to the 9 p.c. increase indicated by the Board of Trade wholesale price index in the first half of the year.

COUNTRY	AUTHORITY	CANADA										UNITED STATES				Annalist
		Dominion Bureau of Statistics										Bureau of Labour Statistics				
		General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Irving Fisher	Labour Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun						
No. of Commodities	567 (c)	236 (d)	402 (d)	245 (d)	322 (d)	200	784 (b)	106	200	94 Series						
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1913	1913	1926	1913	1913	1926			
1913	64.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	100	120.887	100	100	-			
1914	65.5	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211	101	101	-			
1920	155.9	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	248.721	205	205	-			
1922	97.3	95.1	99.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	96.7	12.1185	132	171.660	142	142	-			
1923	98.0	93.7	97.8	91.1	103.1	101.1	100.6	13.4028	146	189.787	157	157	-			
1924	99.4	93.2	99.5	94.8	101.9	98.9	98.1	12.8672	140	189.322	157	157	-			
1925	102.6	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.694	164	164	-			
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b)100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	157	157	(e)			
1927	97.7	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	155	155	100.0			
1928	96.4	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521	161	161	96.3			
1929	95.6	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	151.043	158	158	99.2			
1930	86.6	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453	144	144	96.9			
1931	72.1	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353	122	122	84.9			
1932	66.7	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303	111	111	69.3			
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	7.8557	85	144.661	120	120	60.6			
1934	71.6	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	166.082	137	137	63.1			
1935	72.1	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0	80.0	9.9222	108	174.744	145	145	75.5			
1936	74.6	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	83.7	83.7	10.0589	110	179.925	149	149	83.8			
June	72.3	73.7	68.5	66.6	71.9	83.3	79.2	(a) 9.7374	(a) 106	(a) 172.136	(a) 142	(a) 142	80.8			
July	74.3	74.3	72.1	69.7	73.3	83.5	80.5	9.8538	107	178.240	147	147	83.6			
August	76.1	75.5	74.6	73.0	74.8	84.0	81.6	10.1445	110	181.878	150	150	85.0			
September	76.4	75.5	75.0	73.9	74.9	84.1	81.6	10.1907	111	182.498	151	151	85.0			
October	77.1	75.8	76.3	75.2	75.2	84.1	81.5	10.2716	112	183.153	152	152	84.7			
November	77.2	76.0	76.3	75.8	75.4	85.6	82.4	10.2214	111	184.397	153	153	86.0			
December	79.6	76.9	80.4	79.3	77.3	87.4	84.2	10.7895	117	192.959	160	160	89.2			
1937																
January	81.3	77.7	83.2	82.4	78.4	90.4	85.9	11.1360	121	206.544	171	171	91.9			
February	82.9	78.6	84.5	83.8	78.8	90.8	86.3	11.2320	122	203.206	168	168	92.2			
March	85.5	78.3	88.8	85.8	79.7	93.2	87.8	11.3494	123	205.177	170	170	94.5			
April	86.1	78.9	89.0	87.5	80.5	94.1	88.0	11.8150	128	205.550	170	170	94.3			
May	85.1	78.9	87.2	85.7	80.0	93.2	87.4	11.5159	125	204.981	170	170	93.5			
June	84.6	79.2	85.8	83.3	80.1	92.1	87.2	11.3374	123	201.516	167	167	93.2			
July	87.5	81.1	90.3	88.8	82.2	92.5		11.2734	122	202.413	167	167	95.3			

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276, to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934. (e) New series on 1926 base.

COUNTRY		N. AMERICA		SOUTH AMERICA		EUROPE		UNITED KINGDOM		FRANCE		GERMANY	
COUNTRY		MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	EUROPE		UNITED KINGDOM		FRANCE		GERMANY	
AUTHORITY		Official	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Federal Statistical Office	
No. of Commodities		32	108	58	200	200	58	45	60	45	126	400	
Base Period		1929	1926	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913	
1913			75.5	100	100		100	100	100	102	100	100	
1914					104			226.5		100 July		100	99 July
1918					212			241.9		346		208 July	
1919					220			295.3		364		339 July	
1920					239			182.4	251.2(d)	520		1367 July	
1921			108.2		205	(f) 307.3		154.1	162.1(d)	352		1488 July	
1922			98.5		190	197.2		151.8	158.6(d)	334		10059 July	
1923			101.8		189	158.9		164.6	169.1(d)	428		7478700 July	
1924			109.5		192	166.2	158.9	115.7	179.3(d)	499		137.3 (a)	
1925			110.9		202	159.1	155.1	112.0	152.8(d)	561		141.8	
1926			100.0		203	148.1	143.2	104.0	142.1(d)	718	695	134.4	
1927			98.1		203	141.6	137.6	100.0	141.9(d)	630	642	137.5	
1928			98.5	195.5	192	140.3	135.1	98.1	137.5(d)	634	645	140.0	
1929			96.4	192.4	186	136.5	127.2	92.4	128.8(d)	623	627	137.2	
1930		100.0	92.2	155.9	178	(c) 100.0	106.8	77.5	103.2(d)	543	554	124.6	
1931		103.4	89.0	152.2	175	87.8	89.3	64.9	99.5(d)	462	502	110.9	
1932		89.7	89.5	230.2	170	85.6	86.1	62.6	94.3(d)	407	427	96.5	
1933		84.3	85.6	346.4	180	85.7	86.9	63.1	98.2(d)	368	398	93.3	
1934		89.8	98.4	343.6	188	88.1	90.3	65.6		366	376	98.4	
1935		94.7	97.0	343.3	189	89.0	94.3	68.0		347	338	101.8	
1936		94.5		380.0	192	94.4	73.0	103.5		405	411	104.1	
1937					(c)		(b)	(b)			(b)		
July		100.0	98.8	382.2	193	93.6	72.4	102.1		388	391	104.2	
August		102.8	100.5	389.8	193	95.2	72.8	104.4		395	403	104.6	
September		106.5	100.3	402.0	192	96.1	73.6	106.0		407	420	104.4	
October		106.8		405.4	192	97.6	74.6	107.5		452	471	104.3	
November		107.8		399.2	192	98.3	76.3	110.8		473	492	104.4	
December		109.4		405.6	192	100.8	79.3	116.0		499	519	105.0	
1937													
January		110.0			194								
February		112.6		421.2	199	102.9	81.0	116.7		513	538	105.3	
March		112.9		435.1	199	103.9	82.3	119.6		517	533	105.5	
April				457.5	204	107.3	87.2	125.8		537	550	106.1	
May				463.5	208	108.9	85.7	122.7		533	552	105.8	
June				465.4	209	110.7	86.2	124.4		529	550	105.9	
July						110.6	84.3	122.7		538	557	106.1	
						111.5				579	582	106.4	

(a) Since 1934, new series.
(f) 1920-29, base 1913 =100

(b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month.

(d) December.

(e) Since January 1935, new series, 1930 =100

COUNTRY	EUROPE										AND OTHER COUNTRIES	
	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN		
AUTHORITY	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Director General of Statistics		
No. of Commodities	47 (b)	78	130	48	100	95	47	160	23	74		
Base	January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 21/13 - June 30/14	1913	July 1/13 - June 30/14	1913	1931	1913		
1913		100 April	100 April	100	100	100		100	1931	1913		
1914				109	115		116	100		100		
1920				292	382		347	359		101		
1924	136	171.2	573	156	269	268	155	162		221		
1925	136	160.5	559	155	251	253	157	161		183		
1926	123	144.5	744	145	196	198	144	149		188		
1927	133	142.2	847	148	160	167	141	146		181		
1928	130	144.6	843	149	155	157(e)	144	148	100	172		
1929	130	141.2	851	142	148	149	134	140	104	167		
1930	117	126.5	744	117	138	137	115	122	100	171		
1931	109	109.7	626	97	123	122	105	111	88	172		
1932	112	96.0	532	79	125	122	101	109	90	174		
1933	108	91.0	501	74	124	122	100	107	74	173		
1934	110	89.8	473	78	126	124	107	114	57	159		
1935	110	89.8	537	76	132	127	111	116	51	163		
1936	109	95.6	605	79	138	134		120	56			
1936	(d)	(a)	(f)			(d)			63			
July	110	93.1	576	77	136	132			(a)			
August	109	93.4	582	77	138	134		119	62			
September	110	96.8	594	77	139	136		120	62			
October	111	103.1	602	87	140	136		122	62			
November	111	105.2	615	88	142	137		123	63			
December	111	106.8	637	92	147	140		124	62			
1937								126	63			
January	112	108.4	658	95	150	144		129	64			
February	112	111.4	675	96	155	147		132	65			
March	112	113.3	693	99	160	150		136	66			
April	113	113.0	696	99	161	154		138	66			
May	115	112.6	693		162	157		139	66			
June	115	112.0	697		163	157		139	65			
July		112.4				160			146			

(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928.
(f) Second half of month. (g) New series; 1931 = 100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE										TURKEY
	ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA
AUTHORITY	Bachi	Official	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics
No. of Commodities Base	138	293	139	88	61	55	60	44	55	52	126
Period	1913	June 1928	1926	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913-July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914
1913	100	100	100	100	100			100	100	100	100 July
1914											
1920											
1922	508										
1923	512										
1924	512										
1925	596										
1926	603										
1927	495										
1928	462										
1929	445										
1930	383										
1931	328										
1932	304										
1933	280										
1934	273										
1935	318										
1936	353										
1937											
June	364.7										
July	364.6										
August	364.7										
September	368.2										
October	375.8										
November	374.6										
December	380.8										
1937											
January	393.2										
February	405.9										
March	410.7										
April	418.5										
May	427.3										
June	437.7										

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Since January, 1929, new index. (d) Since March 1934, compiled according to the new gold parity.

(e) New series; June 1928 = 100. (f) Average of last week of month.

INDICES OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES									
CONTINENT		ASIA		EUROPE		AFRICA		AMERICA	
COUNTRY	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Official	Statistique générale Saïgon	Ministry of Industries North-China	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72	92	37	100	56	92	180	188	23
Base	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
1913	100(a)	100	100	68	100.0	100.0	1053	100.0	
1914	201	279	93(a)	67	95.5	105.6	2092	96.9	216
1920	172	173	89	89	259.4	227.9	1598	223.3	132
1923	182	173	90	90	199.1	178.7	1634	126.6	143
1924	159	166	93	93	206.4	173.3	1627	128.7	152
1925	148	159	97	97	201.6	169.5	1553	127.6	132
1926	148	154	100	100	178.8	168.4	1478	124.0	121
1927	145	149	103	103	169.8	167.0	1492	120.4	120
1928	141	148	108	108	170.8	164.7	1488	116.0	116
1929	116	134	111	111	166.1	165.7	1449	102.7	104
1930	96	105	116	116	136.8	146.7	1346(a)	99.5	97
1931	91	86	123	123	115.6	131.3	1297	91.5	84
1932	87	71	113	113	121.7	129.7	1308	93.1	71
1933	89	67	101	101	135.6	129.5	1330	101.7	87
1934	91	65	92	92	134.2	135.2	1385	94.8	95
1935	91	67	95	95	140.2	135.0	1399	98.6	85
1936	(b)	67	111	111	149.2	141.8	(c)		
July	91	64	96	110	149.2	142.6	1395	96.4	83
August	90	64	99	109	151.7	145.7	1409	-	82
September	91	65	100	109	151.9	144.6	1421	-	85
October	93	73	104	112	151.4	146.2	1426	98.8	84
November	93	76	110	115	153.8	148.9	1427	-	83
December	94	80	116	123	162.4	148.1	1450	-	84
1937									
January	98	85	124	126	176.3	151.1	1449	100.5	88
February	99	88	124	129	174.1	148.7	1467	-	90
March	100	90	124	130	181.2	151.8	1472	-	89
April	103	91	125	134	187.4	152.3	1481	98.6	88
May	103		124	130	182.1	152.6	1502		87
June	102			130	180.1		1514		87
July									
(a) July	(b) End of month	(c) Fifteenth of month	(d) Average for ten months only	(e) Revised since January, 1931	(f) Monthly average.				

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA			UNITED STATES			UNITED KINGDOM			IRISH FREE STATE			EUROPE		
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Cost of Living	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Foods	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns Foods	FRANCE				
	Foods	1926 (c)				1926 (c)	1923 (a) (i)	Foods	Cost of Living		Foods	Cost of Living	Paris Foods	Paris Cost of Living	
Nature of Index	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1923 (a) (i)	1923 (j)	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	
Base Period	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1923 (a) (i)	1923 (j)	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	
1913	66.2	65.4	65.4	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	
1914	68.9	66.0	66.0	136.2	118.2	256	249	249	256	249	249	249	249	249	
1920	141.1	124.2	124.2	103.5	102.3	230	226	226	230	226	226	226	226	226	
1921	107.9	109.2	109.2	96.8	97.4	176	183	183	176	183	183	183	183	183	
1922	91.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	169	174	174	169	174	174	174	174	174	
1923	92.1	100.0	100.0	99.1	101.3	170	175	175	170	175	175	175	175	175	
1924	90.7	98.0	98.0	107.2	103.7	171	176	176	171	176	176	176	176	176	
1925	94.7	99.3	99.3	110.6	104.3	164	172	172	164	172	172	172	172	172	
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	107.0	102.0	160	168	168	160	168	168	168	168	168	
1927	98.1	98.4	98.4	105.6	100.6	157	166	166	157	166	166	166	166	166	
1928	98.6	98.9	98.9	106.9	100.1	154	164	164	154	164	164	164	164	164	
1929	101.0	99.9	99.9	101.7	96.7	145	158	158	145	158	158	158	158	158	
1930	98.6	99.2	99.2	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	131	147	147	147	147	147	
1931	77.3	89.6	89.6	69.7	77.9	126	144	144	126	144	144	144	144	144	
1932	64.3	81.4	81.4	67.8	74.9	120	140	140	120	140	140	140	140	140	
1933	63.7	77.7	77.7	75.3	79.4	122	141	141	122	141	141	141	141	141	
1934	69.4	78.7	78.7	82.1	82.6	125	143	143	125	143	143	143	143	143	
1935	70.4	79.1	79.1	83.9	84.8	130	147	147	130	147	147	147	147	147	
1936	(e)	(g)	(g)	(f)	(f)	(c)	(e)	(e)	(c)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	
August	74.7	81.0	81.0	85.8	85.6	129	146	146	129	146	146	146	146	146	
September	75.1	81.1	81.1	86.1	85.9	131	147	147	131	147	147	147	147	147	
October	74.4	81.1	81.1	84.6	85.7	132	148	148	132	148	148	148	148	148	
November	75.0	81.4	81.4	84.3	85.8	136	151	151	136	151	151	151	151	151	
December	75.3	81.7	81.7	84.7	86.1	136	151	151	136	151	151	151	151	151	
1937	75.2	81.6	81.6	86.4	86.9	136	151	151	136	151	151	151	151	151	
January	75.6	81.7	81.7	86.3	87.2	135	151	151	135	151	151	151	151	151	
February	75.7	82.0	82.0	87.2	87.9	135	151	151	135	151	151	151	151	151	
March	76.3	82.2	82.2	87.4	88.3	135	151	151	135	151	151	151	151	151	
April	76.6	82.8	82.8	88.4	88.8	136	152	152	136	152	152	152	152	152	
May	76.4	82.7	82.7	88.2	88.9	136	152	152	136	152	152	152	152	152	
June	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
July	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1937	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1938	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1939	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1940	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1941	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1942	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1943	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1944	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1945	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1946	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1947	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1948	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1949	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1950	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1951	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1952	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1953	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1954	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1955	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1956	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1957	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1958	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1959	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1960	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1961	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1962	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1963	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1964	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1965	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1966	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1967	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1968	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1969	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1970	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1971	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1972	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1973	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1974	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1975	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1976	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1977	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1978	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1979	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1980	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1981	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1982	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1983	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1984	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1985	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1986	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1987	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1988	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1989	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1990	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1991	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1992	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1993	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1994	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	155	140	155	155	155	155	155	
1995	77.2	83.0	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155								

EUROPE																
COUNTRY		GERMANY			BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA	
Nature of Index Base		Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Cost of Living Warsaw	Foods Warsaw	Cost of Living Prague	Foods Prague	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Foods 44 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Foods Budapest	Cost of Living 12 (67) Towns (n)	Foods		
Period		1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1928	1928 (c)	July, 1914 (d)	July, 1914 (d)	1914 (m)	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914		
1913									100	100	100	100	100	100		
1914																
1920		1065(g)	1252(g)				692(f)	769(f)	1,181	1,213	199(j)	145(j)	1,868	2,399		
1923		2765100(g)	4651000(g)	109	106		695	787	1,235	1,271	112	132	2,057	2,705		
1924		(a) 127.6	(a) 126.3	128	127		724	827	1,414	1,455	103	155	2,339	3,024		
1925		139.8	147.8	136	137		716	800	1,633	1,673	100	126	2,871	2,813		
1926		141.2	144.4	165	171		747	850	1,790	1,843	118	131	2,814	2,751		
1927		147.6	151.9	203	208		748	842	1,868	1,929	117	124	2,875	2,883		
1928		151.7	152.3	208	207		744	813	1,923	1,987	106	105	2,941	2,992		
1929		154.0	154.5	220	218		746	782	1,682	1,719	101	96	2,690	2,439		
1930		148.1	142.9	228	209		713	712	1,671(l)	1,576(l)	98	91	2,349	1,913		
1931		136.1	127.6	205	176		700	677	1,773	1,697	91	81	2,160	1,765		
1932		120.6	112.3	184	150		693	657	1,904	1,857	89	77	2,006	1,680		
1933		118.0	109.9	182	130		685	633	1,937	1,887	96	87	1,873	1,676		
1934		121.1	116.2	175	143		704	656	1,957	1,919	(b)	(b)	1,750	1,643		
1935		123.0	120.4	176	146		710	671	2,028	2,034	97	88	1,667	1,650		
1936		124.5	122.4	186	159		(e)	(e)	2,026	2,038	97	88	1,648	1,614		
1936	August	125.4	124.2	(k)	(k)		708	672	2,039	2,054	97	88	1,650	1,631		
September		124.4	122.0	184	156		706	667	2,057	2,076	97	88	1,665	1,671		
October		124.4	121.7	187	160		707	667	2,065	2,086	97	87	1,678	1,703		
November		124.3	121.3	191	165		704	661	2,079	2,100	99	89	1,683	1,714		
December		124.3	121.0	193	169		706	661								
1937				194	169											
January		124.5	121.4	196	171		711	664	2,150	2,195	101	93	1,692	1,735		
February		124.8	121.9	198	173		715	670	2,167	2,220	102	94	1,700	1,750		
March		125.0	122.3	197	171		715	665	2,168	2,216	102	93	1,697	1,740		
April		125.1	122.3	195	167		715	663	2,184	2,247	102	93	1,698	1,742		
May		125.1	122.4	195	166		717	666	2,202	2,273	102	92	1,700	1,749		
June		125.3	122.9	198	170		725	683								
July		126.2	124.5	203	176		723									

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (f) Average of last seven months. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32; 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.

COUNTRY	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	ESTONIA	LATVIA	LITHUANIA
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns July, 1914	Cost of Living 49 Towns July, 1914	Cost of Living 100 Localities 1931	Cost of Living Amsterdam 1911-13	Cost of Living 21 Towns Jan.-June 1914	Cost of Living Tallinn 1913	Cost of Living Riga 1930	Cost of Living 84 Towns 1913
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1931	1911-13	Jan.-June 1914	1913	1930	1913
1913	100(h)	(j)				100		100
1914	300	270(h)	(k)		1,058	100		100
1920	277	231(h)	189	217	1,171	85(h)		
1921	231	236(h)	150	184	1,254	91(h)		
1922	231	190(h)	129	171	1,143	102(h)		
1923	218	174(h)	133	176	1,079	106(h)		
1924	239	171(h)	170	176	1,093	94(h)		110
1925	243	176(h)	136	176	1,147	107		136
1926	206	172(h)	119	161(c)	145(f)	118		151
1927	186	169(h)	114	163	154(f)	106		141
1928	173(a)	173(h)	127	163	146	105		141
1929	166	156(h)	125	166	150	112		137
1930	158	148(h)	123	162	147	117		134
1931	152	138(h)	113	150	127	104		115
1932	139	127(h)	100	136	113	100(g)	100	105
1933	149	124(h)	97	119	117	94	89	88
1934	147	153(h)	104	119	117	88	75	75
1935	148	155(h)	106	124	114	87	74	70
1936	151	156(h)	107	128	119	88	69	61
1937	155	134(h)	114	118	118	77	70	62
July	(i)	(b)	116	120	118	89	69	-
August	155	134	117	(b)		(d)		-
September	154	158	-	-	116	99	78	-
October	155	-	-	121	119	100	74	-
November	143	132	116	-	118	100	73	-
December	144	-	-	122	120	100	73	-
1937	145	-	-	-	120	99	76	-
January	148	133	116	-	(e)	101	72	-
February	150	-	113	-	102	104	69	67
March	161	-	-	-	105	104	71	70
April	163	137	118	-	106	103	72	70
May	155	-	-	-	105	103	74	70
June	156	-	-	-	103	102	78	-
July	157	-	-	-	104	-	-	-
	161	138	-	-	106	-	-	-

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) New series; 1931 = 100. (e) New index beginning 1937; 1935 = 100.

COUNTRY	EUROPE			AFRICA		ASIA		INDO-CHINA	
	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA	PALESTINE	TURKEY	INDIA	DUTCH E. INDIES	INDO-CHINA
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country June 1914	Cost of Living Cairo Jan. 1913 July, 1914	Cost of Living 9 Towns 1914	Cost of Living 3 Towns January 1922	Cost of Living Istanbul 1914	Cost of Living Bombay July 1914	Cost of Living Java & Madura 1913	Cost of Living Saigon 1925
Base Period	1914	1914	Jan. 1913 July, 1914	1914	1922	1914	July 1914	1913	1925
1913	100	1,000(c)	224(a)	100		1,000	100(a)	100	
1914	174		281(a)	145			186(a)		
1919	190		196(a)	179			190(a)		
1920	189		172(a)	162			177(a)		
1921	181		152(a)	135	88.2		165(a)		
1922	177		148(a)	131	76.6		153(a)	216	
1923	184		158(a)	133	79.4		157(a)	172	
1924	189		158(a)	133	83.8		157(a)	158	
1925	187		147(a)	131	82.1		157(a)	166	
1926	189		144	131	77.4		157(a)	165	
1927	176		146	131	73.7		156(a)	174	100
1928	181	3,030	141	131	69.4		147(a)	158	99
1929	186	2,361	123	131	61.4	1,381	148(a)	148	103
1930	194	2,243	112	128	55.3	1,272	140(a)	150	104
1931	205	1,990	101	115	56.6	1,203	108(a)	152	112
1932	187	1,948	110	118	54.9	1,172	109(a)	102	117
1933	181	2,362	115	115	55.1	1,047	103(a)	76	92
1934	186	2,241	116	116	53.4	912	97(a)	80	76
1935	194	1,986	113	116	56.4	892	101(a)	85	69
1936	187	1,948	113	116			101(a)	78	60
1937	181	2,022	113	116			(d)		
July	186	(b)	113	116			(d)		
August		2,063	109	116	59.1	953	101		
September		2,087	111	115	59.2	946	101		
October		2,074	111	115	60.5	947	102		
November		2,095	112	115	57.7	885	103		
December		2,045	111	116	57.8		104		
1937		2,030	111	116	57.5		103		
January		2,535	111	116					
February		2,400	112	116	62.4				
March		2,422	111	117	61.0				
April		2,448	110	118	59.7				
May		2,524	109		61.4				
June			127		58.5				
July					57.1				

(a) July. (b) Middle of Month. (c) June. (d) Average from sixteenth of current month to fifteenth of following month.

CONTINENT/ COUNTRY	ASIA			CHINA			JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		SOUTH AMERICA	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods and Groceries	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Nature of Index	Peiping	Peiping	Shanghai	Shanghai	Shanghai	Tokio	Tokio	Tokio	30 Towns	30 Towns	25 Towns	25 Towns	Lima	Lima
Base	1927	1927	1926	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1923- 1927	1923- 1927	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913
Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	1926	1914	1914	1914	1927	1927	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913						100	100	100	68.7	64.1	62.8	70.3	100	100
1914						236	257	257	96.7	94.4	101.9	116.5	104	107
1920						221	228	228	99.6	101.1	95.2	95.8	210	208
1922						221	233	233	98.0	97.2	95.9	96.5	190	174
1923						218	236	236	99.1	97.2	98.4	100.5	180	166
1924						199	217	217	100.6	100.2	100.4	103.0	187	168
1925						189	211	211	99.7	102.7	101.0	102.6	200	179
1926						184	202	202	100.3	100.4	100.1	98.3	201	182
1927						181	203	203	102.6	98.9	100.6	100.4	194	177
1928						155	173	173	97.1	104.7	100.4	101.3	181	161
1929						136	151	151	87.0	94.6	98.1	97.4	177	159
1930						137	158	158	82.8	83.0	90.6	84.4	169	157
1931						146	161	161	80.0	80.0	83.8	77.5	158	148
1932						149	164	164	75.4	75.4	79.5	73.2	151	143
1933						152	170	170	81.6	78.6	80.8	77.4	148	139
1934						159	184	184	83.1	80.9	83.7	83.5	152	148
1935						(b)	(b)	(b)	84.8	82.8	86.4	87.0	160	147
1936						158	183	183	(a)	82.5	(b)	(b)	157	157
1937						159	186	186	85.4	83.9	85.7	87.5	159	157
July						160	186	186	85.4	84.2	86.9	87.8	160	158
August						159	186	186	85.4	84.2	87.7	89.8	161	159
September						160	186	186	85.4	84.2	87.7	89.8	161	159
October						159	182	182	86.0	84.4	87.6	89.3	162	160
November						159	181	181	86.0	84.7	88.1	90.0	162	160
December						163	183	183	86.0	85.4	88.7	91.6	162	159
1937						170	194	194	86.2	85.7	88.5	91.0	163	163
January						171	192	192	86.2	84.8	88.5	91.0	167	169
February						171	190	190	86.2	84.8	90.0	91.6	167	170
March						172	190	190	86.2	84.8	90.3	92.3	170	174
April						172	189	189	86.7	84.8	91.1	94.3	170	174
May						171	188	188	86.7	84.6	91.9	95.1	171	174
June						172	188	188	86.7	84.7	91.7	94.5	171	174
July						172	187	187	86.7	84.7	91.7	94.5	171	174

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
THIRD QUARTER OF 1937

Despite a definite check to the rapid rise in world wholesale price levels in the second quarter of 1937, the movement continued to be predominantly upward in the third quarter. However, evidence of reaction was quite marked in October, when wholesale price indexes in many countries registered appreciable declines. This reactionary tendency affected indexes for the United States and Belgium more than those elsewhere, although minor recessions for the third quarter were also noted in several central European countries and in Japan. Continued advances were most pronounced in France, and Scandinavian price levels were consistently firm. The more sensitive United Kingdom indexes pointed to a substantial decline during the third quarter after a sharp advance in the preceding twelve months. The official Board of Trade series, however, showed no net change between June and September, but declined in October.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
THIRD QUARTER OF 1937

Cost of living indexes advanced sharply in many countries during the third quarter of 1937, and such declines as occurred were of minor proportions. This rise in living costs, when wholesale prices have shown signs of moving in the opposite direction after a major increase, is characteristic of the lag in retail prices behind wholesale markets. The Belgian cost-of-living series, for example, advanced more than 5 per cent during the quarter, while wholesale price levels declined 2 per cent. Unless wholesale prices turn upward again in the near future, it seems probable that living costs generally will not move substantially above current positions. The sensitive Paris index weighted heavily by foods showed the sharpest rise, almost equivalent to the 12.7 per cent increase in the French wholesale index. Other major advances were registered for Belgium, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy and Norway.

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COUNTRY	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN
AUTHORITY	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Ökonomisk Revue	Statbergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities	47 (b)	73	130	40	100	47	160	23	74
Base Period	January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	July 1/13 - June 30/14	1913	1927	1913
1913		100 April	100 April	100	100	116	100		100
1914				109	115	347			101
1920				292	382	155	359		221
1924	136	171.2	573	156	269	157	162		183
1925	136	160.5	559	155	251	144	161		188
1926	123	144.5	744	145	196	141	149		181
1927	133	142.2	847	148	160	144	146		172
1928	130	144.6	843	149	155	144	148	100	167
1929	130	141.2	851	142	148	134	140	100	171
1930	117	126.5	744	117	138	115	122	88	172
1931	109	109.7	626	97	123	105	111	90	174
1932	112	96.0	532	79	125	101	109	74	173
1933	108	91.0	501	74	124	100	107	57	159
1934	110	89.8	473	78	126	107	114	51	163
1935	110	89.8	537	76	132	111	116	56	
1936	109	95.6	605	79	138		120	63	
1936	(d)	(a)	(f)					(a)	
September	110	96.8	594	77	139		122	62	
October	111	103.1	602	87	140		123	63	
November	111	105.2	615	88	142		124	62	
December	111	106.8	637	92	147		126	63	
1937									
January	112	108.4	658	95	150		129	64	
February	112	111.4	675	96	155		132	65	
March	112	113.3	693	99	160		136	66	
April	113	113.0	696	99	161		138	66	
May	115	112.6	693	98	162		139	65	
June	115	112.0	697	97	163		139	63	
July	116	112.4	702	98	165		140	64	
August	114	110.8	700	98	165		140	64	
September	113	110.5	690	97	164		140	65	
October	113	110.9	683		163		139		
				161	161		148		

(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928.
(f) Second half of month. (g) New series; 1931 = 100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.

COUNTRY	ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LatVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
AUTHORITY	Bachi	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of Commodities	138	238	135	38	61	55	60	44	55	52	126	52
Base	1913	1928	1913	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913-July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July 1914	1913-1914
Period	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100	100	100 July	100
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1914			103									
1920			1183									
1922	508		1219									
1923	512		1095									
1924	512		1100									
1925	596		1129									
1926	603		1088									
1927	495		1133									
1928	462		1110									
1929	445											
1930	383	100.0	98	128.6	119.9	100.6	1,811	113	2,947	122	(g)	1262
1931	326	96.3	90	119.9	101.9	86.6	1,646	114	3,017	138	979	1296
1932	304	85.5	84	101.9	84.8	72.9	1,471	116	3,237	140	924	1316
1933	280	74.6	90	94	85.1	65.2	1,766	124	3,447	124	801	1000
1934	273	65.5	89	76	83.7	64.4	1,997	114	2,788	132	734	859
1935	318	59.1	90	68	83.0	63.2	1,969	114	2,332	135	678	738
1936	363	55.8	90	61	86.0	66.0	2,003	117	1,821	121(c)	658	648
1937		53.1	92	53	86.0	69.0	2,038	102	1,873	96	675	672
October	375.8	54.0		55	91.0	(a)	2,038	91	1,919	95	705	735
November	374.6	(a)	93	57.7	98.0	68.9	2,039	93	1,991	92	706	817
December	380.8	55.5	94	58.4	102.0	69.8	2,064	94	(f)	96	(b)	
1937		56.1	95	59.0	104.0	71.2	2,113	95	2,075	100	715	822
January	393.2	56.9							2,095	100	722	830
February	405.9		98	61.1	105	70.4			2,106		737	846
March	410.7	58.2	101	63.2	106	70.9	2,169	98				
April	418.5	59.8	103	63.9	109	72.1	2,218	99	2,118	96	745	
May	427.3	60.6	103	63.8	109	72.3	2,273	101	2,119	93	754	
June	437.7	60.1	104	64.1	111	72.6	2,300	101	2,124	95	764	
July	444.5	59.9	103	63.9	112	72.1	2,323	99	2,151	94	755	
August	448.7	60.3	103	64.9	112	72.7	2,291	101	2,157	95	752	
September	452.9	59.6	103	64.3	113	73.7	2,309	102	2,163	94	763	
October	462.0	59.6	104	64.1	115	75.3	2,308	103	2,255	94	759	
and of month.			104		117	78.1	2,302	102	2,281	94	755	
Former index/given in paper currency.						80.0			2,301	96	749	

(a) Since January, 1929, new index. (e) New Series; June 1928 = 100. (f) Average of last week of month.

COUNTRY	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	AFRICA
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Statistique Generale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office
No. of Commodities	72	43	37	100	154	56	92	180	188
Base	July, 1914	July, 1914							
Period	1914	1913	1913	1926	1913	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913
1913	100(a)	100	100	68	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1914	201	96(a)		67	95.5	105.6	105.6	96.9	96.9
1920	172	279		89	259.4	227.9	227.9	223.3	223.3
1923	181	173		90	199.1	173.7	173.7	126.6	126.6
1924	182	173		93	206.4	173.3	173.3	128.7	128.7
1925	163	166	132	97	201.6	169.5	169.5	127.6	127.6
1926	149	159	131	100	173.8	168.4	168.4	123.3	123.3
1927	147	154	142	103	169.8	167.0	167.0	124.0	124.0
1928	146	149	148	108	170.8	164.7	164.7	120.4	120.4
1929	145	148	153	111	166.1	165.7	165.7	116.0	116.0
1930	126	134	153	116	136.8	146.7	146.7	102.7	102.7
1931	109	105	129	123	115.6	131.3	131.3	99.5	99.5
1932	109	86	116	113	121.7	129.7	129.7	91.5	91.5
1933	87	71	106	101	103.8	129.5	129.5	93.1	93.1
1934	89	67	96	92	97.1	135.2	135.2	101.7	101.7
1935	91	65	94	95	96.4	140.2	135.0	94.8	94.8
1936	91	67	99	111	108.5	149.2	141.8	98.6	98.6
1936	(b)			(b)					
October	93	73	104	112	109.7	151.4	146.2	98.8	98.8
November	93	76	110	115	113.0	153.8	148.9	-	-
December	94	80	116	123	118.8	162.4	148.1	-	-
1937									
January	98	85	124	126	121.6	176.3	151.1	100.5	100.5
February	99	83	124	129	122.9	174.1	148.7	-	-
March	100	90	124	130	123.0	181.2	151.8	-	-
April	103	92	125	134	123.9	187.4	152.3	98.6	98.6
May	103	91	124	130	125.1	182.1	152.6	-	-
June	102	90	125	130	126.1	180.1	152.8	-	-
July	104	91	131	130	180.5	180.5	156.5	101.4	101.4
August	105	91	136		177.3	177.3	158.1	1512	1512
September	104				180.2	180.2	156.8	1525	1525
October					178.7	178.7		1524	1524
(a) July	(b) End of month	(c) Fifteenth of month	(d) Average for ten months only	(e) Revised since January, 1931	(f) Monthly average.				

Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living		Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns		Paris	
	Foods	Cost of Living	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	(g) (i)	Foods	Cost of Living	
Base Period	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	
1913	66.2	65.4	66.1	66.1	61.3	61.3	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
1914	68.9	66.0	136.2	136.2	116.2	116.2	256	249	249	249	371	371	371	
1920	141.1	124.2	103.5	103.5	102.3	102.3	230	226	226	226	337	337	337	
1921	107.9	109.2	96.8	96.8	97.4	97.4	176	183	183	183	307	307	307	
1922	91.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	169	174	174	174	332	332	332	
1923	92.1	100.0	99.1	99.1	101.3	101.3	170	175	175	175	380	380	380	
1924	90.7	98.0	107.2	107.2	103.7	103.7	171	176	176	176	425	425	425	
1925	94.7	99.3	110.6	110.6	104.3	104.3	164	172	172	172	554	554	554	
1926	100.0	100.0	107.0	107.0	102.0	102.0	160	168	168	168	556	556	556	
1927	98.1	98.4	105.6	105.6	100.6	100.6	157	166	166	166	549	549	549	
1928	98.6	98.9	106.9	106.9	100.1	100.1	154	164	164	164	102.2(h)	102.2(h)	102.2(h)	
1929	101.0	99.9	101.7	101.7	96.7	96.7	145	158	158	158	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1930	98.6	99.2	83.7	83.7	87.2	87.2	131	147	147	147	98.8	98.8	98.8	
1931	77.3	89.6	69.7	69.7	77.9	77.9	126	144	144	144	87.6	87.6	87.6	
1932	64.3	81.4	67.8	67.8	74.9	74.9	120	140	140	140	83.9	83.9	83.9	
1933	63.7	77.7	75.3	75.3	79.4	79.4	122	141	141	141	78.0	78.0	78.0	
1934	69.4	78.7	82.1	82.1	82.6	82.6	125	143	143	143	69.1	69.1	69.1	
1935	70.4	79.1	83.9	83.9	84.8	84.8	130	147	147	147	76.1	76.1	76.1	
1936	73.4	80.8	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	
November	75.0	81.4	84.3	84.3	85.8	85.8	136	151	151	151	83.8	83.8	83.8	
December	75.3	81.7	84.7	84.7	86.1	86.1	136	151	151	151	85.3	85.3	85.3	
1937	75.2	81.8	86.4	86.4	86.9	86.9	136	151	151	151	88.2	88.2	88.2	
January	75.6	81.9	86.3	86.3	87.2	87.2	135	151	151	151	91.2	91.2	91.2	
February	75.7	82.2	87.2	87.2	87.9	87.9	135	151	151	151	91.1	91.1	91.1	
March	76.3	82.4	87.4	87.4	88.3	88.3	135	151	151	151	91.4	91.4	91.4	
April	76.6	82.9	88.4	88.4	88.8	88.8	136	152	152	152	91.3	91.3	91.3	
May	76.4	82.9	88.2	88.2	88.9	88.9	136	152	152	152	92.2	92.2	92.2	
June	77.2	83.2	87.7	87.7	88.9	88.9	140	155	155	155	92.9	92.9	92.9	
July	79.1	83.8	87.3	87.3	89.0	89.0	140	155	155	155	93.7	93.7	93.7	
August	78.3	83.7	87.6	87.6	89.4	89.4	140	155	155	155	99.6	99.6	99.6	
September	78.9	84.2	86.7	86.7	89.5	89.5	143	156	156	156	101.3	101.3	101.3	
October	78.9	84.2	86.7	86.7	89.5	89.5	143	156	156	156	101.3	101.3	101.3	
(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583, (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.														

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CONTINENT		EUROPE													
COUNTRY		GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Cost of Living Warsaw	Foods Warsaw	Cost of Living Prague	Foods Prague	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Foods 44 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Foods Budapest	Cost of Living 12 (67) Towns	Foods 12 (67) Towns		
Base Period	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914		
1913															
1914															
1920															
1923	2765100(g)	1065(g)	109	106		692(f)	769(f)	1,181	1,213	199(j)	145(j)	1,868	2,399		
1924	(a) 127.6	4651000(g)	128	127		695	787	1,235	1,271	112	132	2,057	2,705		
1925	139.8	(a) 126.3	136	137		724	827	1,414	1,455	103	155	2,339	3,024		
1926	141.2	147.8	165	171		716	800	1,633	1,673	100	126	2,871	2,813		
1927	147.6	144.4	203	208		747	850	1,790	1,843	118	131	2,814	2,751		
1928	151.7	151.9	208	207	100.0	748	842	1,868	1,929	106	105	2,875	2,883		
1929	154.0	152.3	220	218	96.9	744	813	1,923	1,987	101	96	2,941	2,992		
1930	148.1	154.5	228	209	83.7	746	782	1,682	1,719	98	91	2,690	2,439		
1931	136.1	142.9	205	176	73.9	713	712	1,671(l)	1,576(l)	91	81	2,349	1,913		
1932	120.6	127.6	184	150	64.9	700	677	1,773	1,697	89	77	2,160	1,765		
1933	118.0	112.3	182	130	58.0	693	657	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,006	1,680		
1934	121.1	116.2	175	143	52.3	685	633	1,937	1,887	91	81	1,873	1,676		
1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	49.9	704	656	1,957	1,919	96	87	1,750	1,643		
1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	48.5	710	671	2,028	2,034	(b)	(b)	1,667	1,660		
November	124.3	121.3	(k)	(k)	(b)	(e)	661	2,065	2,086	97	87	(h)	1,703		
December	124.3	121.0	193	169	49.6	704	661	2,079	2,100	98	89	1,678	1,714		
1937			194	169	50.3	706	661					1,683			
January	124.5	121.4	196	171	52.5	711	664	2,150	2,195	101	93	1,692	1,735		
February	124.8	121.9	198	173	54.5	715	670	2,167	2,220	102	94	1,700	1,750		
March	125.0	122.3	197	171	54.7	715	665	2,168	2,216	102	93	1,697	1,740		
April	125.1	122.3	195	167	52.9	715	663	2,184	2,247	102	93	1,698	1,742		
May	125.1	122.4	195	166	53.9	717	666	2,202	2,273	102	92	1,700	1,749		
June	125.3	122.9	198	170	54.7	725	683	2,192	2,241	102	92	1,712	1,782		
July	126.2	124.5	203	176	53.8	723	679	2,172	2,205	102	93	1,720	1,797		
August	126.0	124.0	204	177	53.1	720	673	2,194	2,242	102	93	1,718	1,787		
September	125.1	122.0	208	182	54.8	724	669	2,187	2,225	104	96	1,720	1,794		
October	124.8	121.3	209	183	53.8										

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices.

(b) Last week of month.

(c) New Series.

(f) Average of last seven weeks of month.

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices.
week of month. (f) Average of last seven months.
100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing

(b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32; 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.

COUNTRY	ROMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY		AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
	Nature of Index	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Cost of Living Belgrade	Cost of Living Belgrade	Cost of Living Milan	Cost of Living Milan	Cost of Living Vienna	Cost of Living Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
Base		1913	1913	1926	Jan.-June 30, 1914	Jan.-June 30, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
Period		1,000	1,000		(e)	(e)		100(h)	100(f)	
1913										
1914										
1919										
1920										
1921		1,305(i)			541	559				100(f)
1922		1,708			501	515				224
1923		2,500			494	499				242
1924		2,985			527	528				213
1925		3,250			611	622				163
1926		3,552	(k)	(k)	654	655				165
1927		3,855	100.0	100.0	588	559				172
1928		3,964	96.9	98.8	530	517				169
1929		4,244	93.3	97.1	545	543				160
1930		(4,206)	86.1	88.7	530	519				158
1931		3,004(j)	61.7	83.6	485	452				141
1932		2,512	75.9	76.2	468	431				126
1933		2,319	74.6	72.4	449					117
1934		2,235	70.8	68.1	430					115
1935		2,552	69.8	68.5						114
1936			69.7	69.2						120
November			70.0	70.1						(g)
December			70.1	70.3						123
1937										132
January			69.9	69.6						
February			70.0	69.7						126
March			69.7	69.0						129
April			71.4	70.9						129
May			72.7	72.2						129
June			73.2	73.0						129
July										131
August										131
September										130
October										130

{a} Gold Index, since 1926, new series. {b} Middle of month. {c} December. {d} New series; June, 1928 = 100. {e} Since 1927, new series. {f} June. {g} Last week of month. {h} July. {i} 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. {j} Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years. {k} New index on 1926 base.

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COUNTRY		NORWAY			SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods 100 Localities	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84 Towns			
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1931	1931	1911-13	1914	1914	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913			
1913	100(h)	100(h)	(j)	(j)	(k)	(k)	202	1,171	1,058	100	100	100	100	100	100			
1914	300	270(h)	236(h)	287(h)	150	150	182	1,139	1,254	85(h)	85(h)	104(h)	91(h)	98(h)	110			
1920	277	231(h)	190(h)	231(h)	129	129	174	1,147	1,143	91(h)	91(h)	98(h)	102(h)	115(h)	136			
1921	231	295	178(h)	178(h)	133	133	177	1,170	1,079	102(h)	102(h)	115(h)	94(h)	106(h)	151			
1922	218	217	174(h)	158(h)	139	139	179	1,212	1,093	94(h)	94(h)	106(h)	107	118	141			
1923	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	136	136	177	1,212	1,093	107	107	118	107	118	142			
1924	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	119	119	161(c)	1,212	1,093	107	107	118	107	118	142			
1925	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	114	114	163	1,212	1,093	106	106	118	106	118	146			
1926	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	113	113	168	1,212	1,093	105	105	118	105	118	145			
1927	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	112	112	163	1,212	1,093	112	112	118	112	118	144			
1928	166	158	164(h)	148(h)	106	106	161	1,212	1,093	117	117	118	120	126	142			
1929	161	152	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	1,212	1,093	104	104	118	103	103	142			
1930	153	139	156(h)	124(h)	104	104	141	1,212	1,093	94	94	118	80	80	146			
1931	149	134	153(h)	120(h)	107	107	139	1,212	1,093	88	88	118	77	77	145			
1932	147	131	155(h)	123(h)	106	106	140	1,212	1,093	87	87	118	76	76	144			
1933	148	132	156(h)	129(h)	111	111	136	1,212	1,093	88	88	118	72	72	142			
1934	151	137	158(h)	134(h)	112	112	132	1,212	1,093	98	98	118	73	73	142			
1935	155	144	(b)	(b)	113	113	(b)	1,212	1,093	(d)	(d)	118	73	73	142			
1936	(i)	(i)	157	132	116	116	122	1,212	1,093	100	100	118	82	82	146			
October	155	143	157	132	116	116	122	1,212	1,093	100	100	118	82	82	146			
November	155	144	157	132	116	116	122	1,212	1,093	100	100	118	82	82	146			
December	157	145	157	132	116	116	122	1,212	1,093	100	100	118	82	82	146			
1937	158	148	158	133	113	113	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			
January	159	150	158	133	113	113	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			
February	161	152	158	133	113	113	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			
March	163	155	161	137	115	115	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			
April	163	155	161	137	115	115	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			
May	163	156	161	137	115	115	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			
June	166	157	162	138	116	116	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			
July	168	161	162	138	116	116	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			
August	168	161	162	138	116	116	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			
September	170	163	165	140	118	118	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			
October	171	164	165	140	118	118	134	1,212	1,093	101	101	118	82	82	146			

(a) Since 1928, new series.
(g) Revised from May, 1931.
beginning 1937; 1935 = 100.

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(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FOURTH QUARTER OF 1937

A definite recessionary movement was apparent in world wholesale price levels during the fourth quarter of 1937. Declines were most pronounced in the United States and Australia, but reached considerable proportions also in Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. Wholesale price index numbers for these countries showed decreases of from 2.5 per cent to 7.3 per cent. Index numbers for Italy rose sharply by 5 per cent. while series for Japan and France were also slightly higher. Wholesale price levels in France have advanced by less than one per cent. during this period while the franc depreciated by approximately 3 per cent. Despite price declines in the second half of 1937, wholesale price index numbers for December were generally above levels of the preceding December by substantial percentages. The most outstanding gains were 22 per cent. for France and Italy, 14 per cent. for Norway, and 12 per cent. for Japan. Moderate declines were shown for the United States, Australia, and Czechoslovakia.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
FOURTH QUARTER OF 1937

Living costs in most countries moved gradually higher during the fourth quarter of 1937 by amounts which seldom exceeded 4 per cent. The majority of increases were less than this amount and occasional declines were registered. These appeared in the United States, Poland and Germany. In many countries showing advances, wholesale price levels had turned downward in the fourth quarter, while in a few others including France, Italy, and Japan both wholesale prices and living costs moved upward. Living costs were higher at the end of 1937 than at the end of 1936 almost without exception. For several countries including Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Poland the increase was greater than for wholesale prices. Only in the case of Italy did the rise in wholesale prices exceed the rise in living costs by an appreciable extent. In the United States living costs rose slightly while wholesale prices declined.

COUNTRY		C A N A D A										U N I T E D S T A T E S									
AUTHORITY		Dominion Bureau of Statistics										Bureau of Labour Statistics									
No. of Commodities	Base Period	General Index		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods		Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods		Irving Fisher	Bradstreet		Dun	Annalist							
		567 (c)	1913			236 (d)	402 (d)	245 (d)	322 (d)		784 (b)	106			1913	200					
1913		64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	100	120.887	100	1913	94 Series						
1914		65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211	101	1926	-						
1920		155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	248.721	205	-	-						
1925		102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.694	164	-	-						
1926		100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b)100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	157	(e)	100.0						
1927		97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	155	96.3	96.3						
1928		96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521	161	99.2	99.2						
1929		95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	151.043	158	96.9	96.9						
1930		86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453	144	84.9	84.9						
1931		72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353	122	69.3	69.3						
1932		66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303	111	60.6	60.6						
1933		67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	7.8557	85	144.661	120	63.1	63.1						
1934		71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	166.082	137	75.5	75.5						
1935		72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0	80.0	9.9222	108	174.744	145	83.8	83.8						
1936		74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	83.7	80.8	10.0989	110	179.925	149	84.1	84.1						
1937		84.5	132.0					90.7	86.3	11.0648	120	197.505	163	92.4	92.4						
1937										(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)								
January		81.3	127.0	77.7	83.2	82.4	78.4	90.4	85.9	11.1360	121	206.544	171	91.9	91.9						
February		82.9	129.5	78.6	84.5	83.8	78.8	90.8	86.3	11.2320	122	203.206	168	92.2	92.2						
March		85.5	133.6	78.3	88.8	86.8	79.7	93.2	87.8	11.3494	123	205.177	170	94.5	94.5						
April		86.1	134.5	78.9	89.0	87.5	80.5	94.1	88.0	11.8150	128	205.550	170	94.3	94.3						
May		85.1	132.9	78.9	87.2	85.7	80.0	93.2	87.4	11.5159	125	204.981	170	93.5	93.5						
June		84.6	132.1	79.2	85.8	83.3	80.1	92.1	87.2	11.3374	123	201.516	167	93.2	93.2						
July		87.5	136.7	81.1	90.3	88.8	82.2	92.5	87.9	11.2734	122	202.413	167	95.2	95.2						
August		85.6	133.7	80.6	86.8	83.7	81.9	91.7	87.5	11.1928	122	193.940	160	94.3	94.3						
September		85.0	132.8	80.3	85.9	83.7	81.2	91.6	87.4	10.9579	119	192.778	159	94.4	94.4						
October		84.7	132.3	80.5	84.9	83.5	81.3	89.2	85.4	10.8483	118	193.674	160	91.6	91.6						
November		83.1	129.8	79.3	82.4	81.2	80.6	86.3	83.3	10.3478	112	183.453	152	88.0	88.0						
December		82.7	129.2	79.1	82.7	80.8	80.2	83.8	81.7	9.7712	106	176.824	146	85.5	85.5						
1938																					
January		83.8	130.9	78.7	84.5	82.0	81.6	83.4						84.2	84.2						

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276, to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934. (e) New series on 1926 base.

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276, to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934. (e) New series on 1926 base.

COUNTRY	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN
AUTHORITY	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities	47 (b)	78	130	48	100	95	47	160		23	74
Base	January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 21/13 June 30/14	1913	July 1/13 - June 30/14	1913	1931	1927	1913
1913		100 April	100 April	100	100	100		100	100		100
1914				109	115		116				101
1920				292	382		347	359			221
1924	136	171.2	573	156	269	268	155	162			183
1925	136	160.5	559	155	251	253	157	161			188
1926	123	144.5	744	145	196	198	144	149			181
1927	133	142.2	847	148	160	167	141	146			172
1928	130	144.6	843	149	155	157(e)	144	148		100	167
1929	130	141.2	851	142	148	149	134	140		104	171
1930	117	126.5	744	117	138	137	115	122		88	172
1931	109	109.7	626	97	123	122	105	111		90	174
1932	112	96.0	532	79	125	122	101	109		74	173
1933	108	91.0	501	74	124	122	100	107		57	159
1934	110	89.8	473	78	126	124	107	114		51	163
1935	110	89.8	537	76	132	127	107	116		56	
1936	109	95.6	605	79	138	134	111	120		63	
1937	113	111.2	684	79	161	156		137		65	
1937	(d)	(a)	(f)	97		(d)				(a)	
January	112	108.4	658	95	150	144		129		64	
February	112	111.4	675	96	155	147		132		65	
March	112	113.3	693	99	160	150		136		66	
April	113	113.0	696	99	161	154		138		66	
May	115	112.6	693	98	162	157		139		65	
June	115	112.0	697	97	163	157		139		63	
July	116	112.4	702	98	165	160		140		64	
August	114	110.8	700	98	165	160		140		64	
September	113	110.5	690	97	164	161		140		65	
October	113	110.9	683	97	163	161		139		66	
November	111	109.6	663	97	163	160		137		66	
December	111	109.6	659	96	163	159		136		67	
1938											
January	111	110.0	660		162	158					

(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928.

(f) Second half of month. (g) New series; 1931 = 100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	EUROPE									
	ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY
AUTHORITY	Bachi	Official	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics
No. of Commodities	138	293	238	88	61	55	60	44	55	52
Base Period	1913	June 1928	1928	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913-July 1914	1913	1914	1913
1913	100	100	100	100	100			100	100	100
1914										
1920										
1923	512									
1924	512									
1925	596									
1926	603									
1927	495									
1928	462									
1929	445									
1930	383									
1931	328									
1932	304									
1933	280									
1934	273									
1935	318									
1936	363									
1937	437									
1937	393.2									
January	405.9									
February	410.7									
March	418.5									
April	427.3									
May	437.7									
June	444.5									
July	448.7									
August	452.9									
September	462.0									
October	467.8									
November	470.6									
December										
1938										
January	470.0									
(a) End of month.										
(b) First of month.										
(c) Since January, 1929, new index.										
(d) Former index now given in paper currency.										
(e) New series; June 1928 = 100.										
(f) Average of last week of month.										
(g) Former index now given in paper currency.										

CONTINENT	ASIA			AFRICA						
COUNTRY	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	OCEANIA NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	AFRICA	EGYPT
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Official	Statistique générale Saïgon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo	
No. of Commodities	72	43	37	100	154	56	92	180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1926	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
1913		100	100	68		100.0	100.0		100.0	
1914	100(a)	98(a)		67		95.5	105.6	1053	96.9	
1920	201	279		89		259.4	227.9	2092	223.3	216
1923	172	173		90	102.0	199.1	178.7	1598	126.6	132
1924	173	173		93	97.9	206.4	173.3	1634	128.7	143
1925	159	166	132	97	99.3	201.6	169.5	1627	127.6	152
1926	148	159	131	100	100.0	178.8	168.4	1553	123.3	132
1927	148	154	142	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478	124.0	121
1928	145	149	148	108	101.7	170.8	164.7	1492	120.4	120
1929	141	148	153	111	104.5	166.1	165.7	1588	116.0	116
1930	116	134	153	116	114.8	136.8	146.7	1449	102.7	104
1931	96	105	129	123	126.7	115.6	131.3	1346(e)	99.5	97
1932	91	86	116	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1297	91.5	84
1933	87	71	106	101	103.8	135.6	129.5	1308	93.1	71
1934	89	67	96	92	97.1	134.2	135.2	1330	101.7	87
1935	91	65	94	95	96.4	140.2	135.0	1385	94.8	95
1936	91	67	99	111	108.5	149.2	141.8	1399	98.6	85
1937	102					180.0	152.2		101.0	88
1937	(b)				(b)			(c)		
January	98	85	124	126	121.6	176.3	151.1	1449	100.5	88
February	99	88	124	129	122.9	174.1	148.7	1467	-	90
March	100	90	124	130	123.0	181.2	151.8	1472	-	89
April	103	92	125	134	123.9	187.4	152.3	1481	98.6	88
May	103	91	124	130	125.1	182.1	152.6	1502	--	87
June	102	90	125	130	126.1	180.1	152.8	1514	-	87
July	104	91	131		125.8	180.5	156.5	1512	101.4	88
August	105	90	136			177.3	158.1	1525	-	88
September	104	90	141			180.2	156.8	1524	-	88
October	105	88	147			178.7	152.9	1529	103.4	89
November	103	86	143			179.5	147.5	1564		88
December	102					182.3	145.4			88
(a) July.	(b) End of month.	(c) Fifteenth of month.	(d) Average for ten months only.	(e) Revised since January, 1931.	(f) Monthly average.					

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA			EUROPE						
	CANADA		UNITED STATES	UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		FRANCE		
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Cost of Living		Bureau of Labor Statistics, Foods	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Ministry of Labour	105 Towns & Localities	300 Towns	Paris	Paris
Nature of Index	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living
Base Period	1926(c)	1926(c)	1923(a)(j)	1923(j)	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913	66.2	65.4	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	136.2	118.2	256	188	184	371	371	342
1920	141.1	124.2	100.0	100.0	169	190	186	332	332	334
1923	92.1	100.0	99.1	101.3	170	193	190	380	380	369
1924	90.7	98.0	107.2	103.7	171	179	185	425	425	400
1925	94.7	99.3	110.6	104.3	164	170	175	554	554	505
1926	100.0	100.0	107.0	102.0	160	170	175	556	556	514
1927	98.1	98.4	105.6	100.6	157	169	174	549	549	519
1928	98.6	98.9	106.9	100.1	154	169	176	102.2(h)	102.2(h)	556
1929	101.0	99.9	101.7	96.7	145	160	171	100.0	100.0	581
1930	98.6	99.2	83.7	87.2	131	147	161	98.8	98.8	569
1931	77.3	89.6	69.7	77.9	126	141	157	87.6	87.6	526
1932	64.3	81.4	67.8	74.9	120	131	151	83.9	83.9	520
1933	63.7	77.7	75.3	79.4	122	135	152	78.0	78.0	516
1934	69.4	78.7	82.1	82.6	125	140	155	69.1	69.1	483
1935	70.4	79.1	83.9	84.8	130	147	160	76.1	76.1	507
1936	73.4	80.8	86.9	88.5	139	156	170	95.0	95.0	619
1937	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(d)
January	75.2	81.8	86.4	86.9	136	-	-	88.2	88.2	-
February	75.6	81.9	86.3	87.2	135	153	167	91.2	91.2	581
March	75.7	82.2	87.2	87.9	135	-	-	91.1	91.1	-
April	76.3	82.4	87.4	88.3	135	-	-	91.4	91.4	-
May	76.6	82.9	88.4	88.8	136	152	167	91.3	91.3	606
June	76.4	82.9	88.2	88.9	136	-	-	92.2	92.2	-
July	77.2	83.1	87.7	88.9	140	-	-	92.9	92.9	-
August	79.1	83.7	87.3	89.0	140	154	170	93.7	93.7	630
September	78.3	83.6	87.6	89.4	140	-	-	99.6	99.6	-
October	78.9	84.2	86.7	89.5	143	-	-	101.3	101.3	-
November	78.8	84.2	85.4	89.0	146	165	177	102.4	102.4	658
December	79.1	84.3	84.4	88.6	146	-	-	104.2	104.2	-
1938	78.4	84.1	82.0	87.5	145	-	-	105.9	105.9	-
January	78.4	84.1	82.0	87.5	145	-	-	105.9	105.9	-

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.

CONTINENT		EUROPE											
COUNTRY	Nature of Index	ROMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY			AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND		
		Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
Base		1913	1913	1926	1926	Jan.-June 30, 1914	Jan.-June 30, 1914	June, 1928	June, 1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
Period		1,000	1,000			(e)	(e)						
1913													
1914													
1920		2,580(i)				494	499			100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1923		2,985				527	528			4,828	1250, 108	224	242
1924		3,250			(k)	611	622			74(a)	1480, 583	164	165
1925		3,552			100.0	654	655			88	1612, 150	169	172
1926		3,855			98.8	588	559			97	116(a)	168	169
1927		3,964			97.1	530	517		(d)	103	119	162	160
1928		4,244			98.7	545	517		100	106	119	160	158
1929		(4,206)			98.7	530	543		101	108	122	161	157
1930		3,004(j)	(4,046)		88.7	485	452		98	111	118	161	156
1931		2,512	2,796(j)		83.6	468	431		88	106	108	158	152
1932		2,319	2,323		76.2	449			84	108	110	150	141
1933		2,235	2,163		72.4	430			81	105		138	126
1934		2,552	2,087		68.1				76	105		131	117
1935			2,439		68.5				78	105		129	115
1936					69.8				73	105		128	114
1937					69.7				84	105		130	120
1937									92	105		137	130
January										(b)		(g)	(g)
February					69.9				86.4	105		133	126
March					70.0				81.1	105		136	129
April					69.7				81.9	105		136	129
May					71.4				82.3	104		137	129
June					72.7				82.7	104		136	129
July					72.2				83.5	105		137	129
August					73.2				84.2	106		137	131
September					73.3				86.8	105		137	131
October					73.8				87.5	105		137	130
November					74.5				89.0	105		137	130
December									90.2	105		138	130
1938									91.2	105		138	130
1938									92.5	105		138	130
January									93.7	105		138	130
(a)	Gold Index, since 1926, new series.								99.1	105		138	130
(b)	Middle of month.												
(c)	New series; June, 1928 = 100.												
(d)	Since 1927, new series.												
(e)	Since 1931, new method of calculation.												
(f)	Since 1927, new series.												
(g)	Last week of month.												
(h)	July. (i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent.												
(j)	Since 1931, new method of calculation.												
(k)	New index on 1926 base.												

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) New series; June, 1928 = 100. (d) Since 1927, new series. (e) Since 1931, new method of calculation. (f) Since 1927, new series. (g) Last week of month. (h) July. (i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. (k) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years. (l) New index on 1926 base.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE				FINLAND				ESTONIA				LATVIA				LITHUANIA			
	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA		LITHUANIA		LITHUANIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84 Towns	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84 Towns	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84 Towns
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1931	1931	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913
1913																				
1914	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	(j)	(j)					100	100								
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)	(k)	(k)														
1922	231	231	190(h)	178(h)	129	153	182	174	1,147	1,143	91(h)	98(h)								
1923	218	217	174(h)	158(h)	133	158	177	176	1,170	1,079	102(h)	115(h)								
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	139	170	177	176	1,170	1,093	94(h)	106(h)								
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	136	168	179	176	1,212	1,147	107	118								
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	168(c)	161(c)	1,54(f)	1,45(g)	106	118								
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	114	127	168	163	158	146	105	112								
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	169	166	161	150	112	120								
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	162	160	147	117	126								
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	160	147	127	104	103								
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)								
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	141	119	134	117	94	80								
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	119	131	117	88	77								
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	107	106	140	124	128	114	87	76								
1935	151	137	156(h)	129(h)	111	114	136	118	130	119	88	77								
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)	112	116	132	120	130	118	98	89								
1937	166	158	162(h)	138(h)	116	119	137	127	105	107	104	96								
1937	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)	116	119	(b)	(b)	105	107	(d)	(d)								
January	158	148	158	133	113	116	134.1	123.5	(e)	(e)	(d)	(d)								
February	159	150	-	-	-	-	133.9	122.2	102	102	104	97								
March	161	152	-	-	-	-	134.2	123.0	104	105	104	97								
April	163	155	161	137	115	118	136.0	125.4	104	106	103	97								
May	163	156	-	-	-	-	136.2	125.9	104	105	103	95								
June	166	157	-	-	-	-	137.9	129.3	104	103	102	94								
July	168	161	162	138	-	-	138.7	130.1	104	104	104	96								
August	168	161	-	-	116	120	139.1	130.0	106	106	104	96								
September	170	163	-	-	-	-	138.8	128.6	108	106	103	94								
October	171	164	165	140	118	123	139.7	130.4	108	111	104	95								
November	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.7	130.9	109	112	105	95								
December	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.4	129.8	109	111	106	96								
1938																				
January	171	163	165	142	-	-			108	111	108	100								

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (e) Since date of stabilization, gold index: 1922-36 indexes are on 1914 base. (f) Revised from May, 1931. (g) July. (h) Fifteenth of month. (i) New method of calculation since 1932. (j) New series; 1931 = 100. (k) New index beginning 1937; 1935 = 100.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	CHINA			JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		SOUTH AMERICA	
	Cost of Living Peiping	Foods	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods	Cost of Living Tokio	Cost of Living 30 Towns	Foods and Groceries 30 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago
Base	1927	1927	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	1923-1927	1923-1927	1926-1930	1926-1930	1913	1913	1928	1928
1913					100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	70.3	100	100		
1914					221	99.6	101.1	101.9	116.5	104	107		
1920					221	98.0	101.1	95.9	96.5	210	208		
1923					218	99.1	97.2	98.4	100.5	180	166		
1924					217	100.6	100.2	100.4	103.0	187	168		
1925					211	99.7	102.7	101.0	102.6	200	179		
1926	102.0	103.7	100.0		202	100.3	100.4	100.1	98.3	201	182		
1927	100.0	100.0	106.7		203	102.6	104.7	100.6	100.4	194	177		
1928	101.6	101.5	92.1		173	97.1	94.6	100.4	101.3	181	161		
1929	106.5	107.6	107.9		155	87.0	83.0	98.1	97.4	177	159	(108)	(116)
1930	109.6	111.8	121.8		136	82.8	80.0	90.6	84.4	169	157	109	119
1931	95.8	92.5	125.9		137	80.3	75.4	83.8	77.5	158	148	108	115
1932	91.2	85.4	119.1		146	81.8	78.6	79.5	73.2	151	143	104	103
1933	81.0	72.4	107.2		149	83.1	80.9	80.8	77.4	148	139	(d) 114	115
1934	79.5	69.9	106.2		152	84.8	82.8	83.7	83.5	150	148	141	147
1935	85.9	79.0	106.6		159		86.4	86.4	87.0	152	147	142	149
1936	100.2	99.5	113.3		174	(a)	85.4	(b)	(b)	150	157	144	155
1937					(b)					170	173	157	171
1937					170					(b)	(b)		
January	113.9	119.8	120.1		194	-	85.7	88.5	91.0	163	163	163	181
February	113.2	118.8	120.1		192	86.2	84.8	89.8	91.6	167	169	161	176
March	111.6	116.6	116.8		190	-	84.2	90.3	92.3	167	170	165	185
April	113.6	118.5	117.4		190	-	84.8	91.1	94.3	170	174	172	196
May	108.9	112.8	118.7		189	86.7	84.6	91.9	95.1	171	174	176	203
June	104.3	107.4	119.0		188	-	84.7	91.7	94.5	171	173	179	209
July			120.0		187	-	85.3	92.1	95.4	171	173	181	214
August			134.6		190	87.4	85.2	92.7	95.6	172	174	183	217
September			147.7		197	-	86.5	93.4	97.6	172	174	187	224
October			128.5		200	-	86.8	93.8	98.5	173	176	185	221
November			141.4		198	-	86.2	94.5	100.2	173	176		
December			126.9		201	-	86.3			174	177		
1938			157.9		204	-							
January					185								

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

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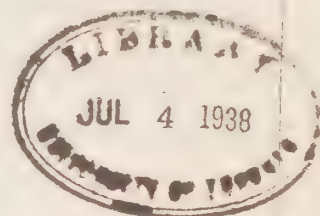
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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FIRST QUARTER OF 1938

National wholesale commodity price indexes moved predominantly downward during the first quarter of 1938. This continued a decline which had its inception in the late spring months of 1937. Reductions in index levels between December 1937 and March 1938 were commonly between 2 and 3 per cent. The sharpest declines noted were in widely separated areas, the Denmark series dropping 4 per cent and that for Calcutta, India, 5 per cent. Recessions recorded for Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States ranged from 2.1 to 3.3 per cent. The only outstanding gain occurred in the Tokyo series for Japan which mounted 4.2 per cent in continuance of a pronounced rise dating from the late summer months of 1937. Smaller increases were reported in the period under review for Australia, France, Germany, and Canada.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
FIRST QUARTER OF 1938

Although living costs in some countries continued to move upward in the first quarter of 1938, there was a noticeable tendency for retail prices to follow the lead set by declining wholesale prices in 1937. Reductions of 2 per cent or more occurred in the cost of living indexes for Belgium, Ireland, Poland, the United Kingdom and the United States. In addition indexes for many other countries indicated lesser decreases or no change. The Paris index for France mounted sharply in January, but thereafter remained practically stationary. Rising living costs were shown by indexes for Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Italy and Japan. The Tokyo retail price index showed the sharpest rise noted, advancing 5.6 per cent. This was a greater amount than the increase indicated in Tokyo wholesale price levels.

AUTHORITY		CANADA										UNITED STATES					Annalist
		Dominion Bureau of Statistics										Bureau of Labour Statistics					
		General Index		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods		Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods		Irving Fisher	Bradstreet		Dun				
No. of Commodities	567 (c)	1926	1913	236 (d)	1926	402 (d)	1926	245 (d)	1926	322 (d)	1926	200	784 (b)	106	200	94 Series	
Base Period																	
1913		64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	64.8	69.8	100	9.2115	1913	120.887	100	1926
1914		65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	65.5	68.1	97	8.9034	101	122.211	101	--
1920		155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	156.8	154.4	204	18,8095	204	248.721	205	--
1925		102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	105.2	103.8	103.5	151	13.9445	151	197.694	164	--
1926		100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b)100.0	141	13.0207	141	189.398	157	(e)
1927		97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	94.2	96.5	95.4	139	12.7787	139	187.092	155	100.0
1928		96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	97.9	95.0	96.7	144	13.2823	144	194.521	161	96.3
1929		95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	96.3	93.0	95.3	138	12.6727	138	151.043	158	99.2
1930		86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.3	87.3	86.4	117	10.7451	117	174.453	144	96.9
1931		72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	71.4	74.9	73.0	95	8.7604	95	147.353	122	84.9
1932		66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	61.6	69.8	64.8	77	7.0949	77	134.303	111	69.3
1933		67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	64.6	70.2	66.0	85	7.8557	85	144.661	120	60.6
1934		71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	76.6	73.4	75.0	100	9.2195	100	166.082	137	63.1
1935		72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0	83.0	72.8	80.0	108	9.9222	108	174.744	145	75.5
1936		74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.6	73.6	83.7	83.7	73.6	80.8	110	10.0989	110	179.925	149	83.8
1937		84.5	132.0	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	90.7	90.7	80.5	86.3	120	11.0648	120	197.505	163	84.1
April		86.1	134.5	78.9	89.0	87.5	80.5	94.1	94.1	80.5	88.0	(a)	(a)	(a)	205.550	170	92.4
May		85.1	132.9	78.9	87.2	85.7	80.0	93.2	93.2	80.0	87.4	128	11.8150	128	205.550	170	94.3
June		84.6	132.1	79.2	85.8	83.3	80.1	92.1	92.1	80.1	87.2	125	11.5159	125	204.981	170	93.5
July		87.5	136.7	81.1	90.3	88.8	82.2	92.5	92.5	82.2	87.9	123	11.3374	123	201.516	167	93.2
August		85.6	133.7	80.6	86.8	83.7	81.9	91.7	91.7	81.9	87.5	122	11.2734	122	202.413	167	95.2
September		85.0	132.8	80.3	85.9	83.7	81.2	91.6	91.6	81.2	87.4	119	11.1928	119	193.940	160	94.3
October		81.7	132.3	80.5	84.9	83.5	81.3	89.2	89.2	81.3	85.4	118	10.9579	118	192.778	159	94.4
November		83.1	129.8	79.3	82.4	81.2	80.6	86.3	86.3	80.6	83.3	112	10.8483	112	193.674	160	91.6
December		82.7	129.2	79.1	82.7	80.8	80.2	83.8	83.8	80.2	81.7	106	10.3478	106	183.453	152	88.0
1938		83.8	130.9	78.7	84.5	82.0	81.6	83.4	83.4	81.6	80.9		9.7712		176.824	146	85.5
January		83.6	130.6	79.1	83.7	81.1	82.0	82.6	82.6	82.0	80.9						84.2
February		83.1	129.8	79.0	82.5	79.7	82.0	82.2	82.2	82.0	79.7						82.8
March		82.3	128.6	78.5	81.9	79.0	81.3	80.9	80.9	81.3	78.7						82.5
April																	80.7
a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926.																	

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276, to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934. (e) New series on 1926 base.

CONTINENT		INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES										
COUNTRY	AUTHORITY	N. AMERICA					EUROPE					
		MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM	FRANCE		GERMANY			
		Official	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Generale	Statistique Generale	Federal Statistical Office
Nc of												
Commodities	32		108		58	200	58	45	60			
Base Period	1929		1926	1913	1913	1930	1913	1927	1913	45	126	400
1913			75.5	100	100		100	100	100	102	100	1913
1914					104	(f) 307.3				100 July		100
1920			98.5		239	158.8		295.3	251.2(d)	520		99 July
1922			101.8		190	158.9		154.1	158.6(d)	334		1367 July
1923			109.5		189	166.2		151.8	169.1(d)	428		10059 July
1924			110.9		192	159.1	158.9	164.6	179.3(d)	499		7478700 July
1925			100.0		202	148.1	155.1	159.5	152.8(d)	561		137.3 (a)
1926			92.1		203	141.6	143.2	149.6	142.1(d)	718		141.8
1927			98.5		192	140.3	137.6	144.2	141.9(d)	630		134.4
1928			96.4		186	136.5	135.1	141.9	137.5(d)	634		137.5
1929			92.2		178	(e) 100.0	127.2	135.3	128.8(d)	623		140.0
1930			89.0		175	87.8	106.8	114.1	103.2(d)	543		137.2
1931			84.3		170	85.6	89.3	96.5	99.5(d)	462		124.6
1932			89.8		180	85.7	86.1	94.0	94.3(d)	407		110.9
1933			94.7		188	88.1	90.3	93.7	98.2(d)	388		96.5
1934			94.5		189	89.0	94.3	96.4		366		93.3
1935			100.7		192	94.4		98.9		376		98.4
1936					192			73.0		347		101.8
1937					204	108.8		83.0		405		104.1
April					(c)			(b)		563		105.9
May		115.8	113.2	463.5	208	108.9		85.7	123.2	(b)		
June		118.6	114.4	465.4	209	110.7		86.2	124.9	552		105.8
July		124.0	114.6	462.4	206	110.6		84.3	123.2	550		105.9
August		125.2	115.8	465.4	206	111.5		84.7	124.6	557		106.1
September		123.2	115.0	472.0	206	111.4		83.3	122.8	582		106.4
October		123.3	115.4	471.2	207	111.2		81.6	121.5	603		106.7
November			115.4	460.3	205	110.6		79.7	118.6	630		106.2
December			112.8	447.5	206	108.5		77.0	113.8	628		105.9
1938			111.7	432.3	203	107.6		77.2	114.5	621		105.5
January			112.4		204					631		105.5
February			113.2		205	107.7		76.2	113.5	636		105.6
March						105.8		75.5	113.4	631		105.7
April						104.1		74.1	110.8	634		105.8
						103.1		73.3		643		105.6
(a) Since 1934, new series.												
(f) 1920-29, base 1913=100.												
(b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) December. (e) Since January, 1935, new series, 1930=100.												

COUNTRY		AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND		BELGIUM		NETHERLANDS		NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		ALBANIA		SPAIN	
AUTHORITY		Federal Statistical Office		Federal Labour Department		Ministry of Industry and Labour		Central Bureau of Statistics		Okonomisk Revue		Gotabergs Handels Tidning		Commerce Department		Official		Director General of Statistics	
No. of	Commodities	47 (b)		78		130		48		100		47		160		23		74	
Base	Period	January - July, 1914		July 1914		April 1914		1913		Dec. 21/13 June 30/14		July 1/13-June 30/14		1913		1927		1913	
1913				100 April		100 April		100		100		100		100		100		100	
1914								109		115		116		359				101	
1920								292		382		347		162				221	
1924		136		171.2		573		156		269		155		161				183	
1925		136		160.5		559		155		251	268	157		149				188	
1926		123		144.5		744		145		196	253	144		146				181	
1927		133		142.2		847		148		160	198	141		148				172	
1928		130		144.6		843		149		155	167	144		140				167	
1929		130		141.2		851		142		148	157(e)	134		122		100		171	
1930		117		126.5		744		117		138	149	115		111				172	
1931		109		109.7		626		97		123	137	105		109		88		167	
1932		112		96.0		532		79		125	122	101		107		90		171	
1933		108		91.0		501		74		124	122	100		114		74		172	
1934		110		89.8		473		78		126	122	107		116		90		174	
1935		110		89.8		537		76		132	124	107		120		57		173	
1936		109		95.6		605		76		138	127	111		137		51		159	
1937		113		111.2		684		79		161	134			145		56		163	
1937	April	(d)		(a)		(f)		97			156			137		65			
May		113		113.0		696		99		161	(d)			138		(a)			
June		115		112.6		693		98		162	154			139		66			
July		115		112.0		697		97		163	157			139		65			
August		116		112.4		702		98		165	157			140		63			
September		114		110.8		700		98		165	160			140		64			
October		113		110.5		690		97		164	160			140		64			
November		113		110.9		683		97		163	161			140		65			
December		111		109.6		663		97		163	161			139		66			
1938		111		109.6		659		96		163	159			137		66			
January		111		110.0		660		97						136		67			
February		111		109.4		657		95		162	158			135		66			
March				108.2		644		93		160	157			134					
April				108.1							155			132					
(a) End of month.		(b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47.		(d) Fifteenth of month.		(e) New series beginning 1928.													
(f) Second half of month.		(g) New series; 1931 = 100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base		(h) New series beginning January, 1938.															

COUNTRY		EUROPE														OTHER COUNTRIES	
AUTHORITY		ITALY	POLAND		FINLAND		LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY		
No. of Commodities	Bachi	Official	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official		
Base	138	293	238	135	139	88	61	55	60	44	52	92	126	52	52		
Period	1913	June 1928	1928	1913	1926	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913-July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914	1913-1914	1913-1914		
1913	100			100		100	100			100	100	100	100 July				
1914				103													
1920				1183													
1924	512			1100													
1925	596			1129													
1926	603			1088													
1927	495			1133													
1928	462			1110													
1929	445																
1930	383			98													
1931	328			90													
1932	304			84													
1933	280			90													
1934	273			89													
1935	318			90													
1936	363			92													
1937	437			103													
March	410.7			103													
April	418.5			103													
May	427.3			104													
June	437.7			103													
July	444.5			103													
August	448.7			103													
September	452.9			104													
October	462.0			104													
November	467.8			102													
December	470.6			102													
1938																	
January	470.0			102													
February	466.9			101													
March				100													
April				99													
(a) End of month.																	
(b) First of month.																	
(c) Since January, 1929, new index.																	
(d) Former index now given in paper currency.																	
(e) New series, beginning January, 1938 on 1914 base.																	
(f) Average of last week of month.																	

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Nature of Index	CANADA		NORTH AMERICA		EUROPE	
	DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM	
	Foods	Cost of Living	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Foods	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Ministry of Labour Foods	105 Towns & Localities Foods
Base Period	1926(c)	1926(c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913	66.2	65.4	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	136.2	118.2	256	371
1920	141.1	124.2	100.0	100.0	169	332
1923	92.1	100.0	99.1	101.3	170	380
1924	90.7	98.0	107.2	103.7	175	425
1925	94.7	99.3	110.6	104.3	176	554
1926	100.0	100.0	107.0	102.0	172	556
1927	98.1	98.4	105.6	100.6	168	549
1928	98.6	98.9	106.9	100.1	166	102.2(h)
1929	101.0	99.9	101.7	96.7	164	100.0
1930	98.6	99.2	83.7	87.2	158	98.8
1931	77.3	89.6	69.7	77.9	147	87.6
1932	64.3	81.4	67.8	74.9	144	83.9
1933	63.7	77.7	75.3	79.4	140	78.0
1934	69.4	78.7	82.1	82.6	141	69.1
1935	70.4	79.1	83.9	84.8	143	76.1
1936	73.4	80.8	86.9	88.5	147	95.0
1937	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	155 (e)	(f)
March	75.7	82.2	87.2	87.9	151	91.1
April	76.3	82.4	87.4	88.3	151	91.4
May	76.6	82.9	88.4	88.8	152	91.3
June	76.4	82.9	88.2	88.9	152	92.2
July	77.2	83.1	87.7	88.9	155	92.9
August	79.1	83.7	87.3	89.0	155	93.7
September	78.3	83.6	87.6	89.4	155	99.6
October	78.9	84.2	86.7	89.5	158	101.3
November	78.8	84.2	85.4	89.0	160	102.4
December	79.1	84.3	84.4	88.6	160	104.2
1938						
January	78.4	84.1	82.0	87.5	159	105.9
February	77.9	83.9	80.1	86.7	157	107.9
March	78.6	84.2	80.3	86.7	156	106.9
April	78.8	84.3	81.1	86.8	154	106.8
(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.						
1937	75.7	82.2	87.2	87.9	151	91.1
March	76.3	82.4	87.4	88.3	151	91.4
April	76.6	82.9	88.4	88.8	152	91.3
May	76.4	82.9	88.2	88.9	152	92.2
June	77.2	83.1	87.7	88.9	155	92.9
July	79.1	83.7	87.3	89.0	155	93.7
August	78.3	83.6	87.6	89.4	155	99.6
September	78.9	84.2	86.7	89.5	158	101.3
October	78.8	84.2	85.4	89.0	160	102.4
November	79.1	84.3	84.4	88.6	160	104.2
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1938						
January	78.4	84.1	82.0	87.5	159	105.9
February	77.9	83.9	80.1	86.7	157	107.9
March	78.6	84.2	80.3	86.7	156	106.9
April	78.8	84.3	81.1	86.8	154	106.8
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CONTINENT		EUROPE									
Country	Index of Base	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE	
		Cost of Living 72 Towns	Food 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Food 59 Localities	Cost of Living Warsaw	Food Warsaw	Cost of Living Prague	Food Prague	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Food 44 Towns
Period		1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914
1913						(c)(f)	(c)(f)	(d)	(d)	(m)	
1914								100(g)	100(g)	100	100
1920		1065(g)	1252(g)								
1925		(a) 139.8	(a) 147.8	136	137			724	827	1,414	1,455
1926		141.2	144.4	165	171			716	800	1,633	1,673
1927		147.6	151.9	203	208			747	850	1,790	1,843
1928		151.7	152.3	208	207			748	842	1,868	1,929
1929		154.0	154.5	220	218	100.0	100.0	744	813	1,923	1,987
1930		148.1	142.9	228	209	100.5	100.5	746	782	1,682	1,719
1931		136.1	127.6	205	176	92.1	83.7	713	712	1,671(1)	1,576(1)
1932		120.6	112.3	184	150	82.8	73.9	700	677	1,773	1,697
1933		118.0	109.9	182	130	74.8	64.8	693	657	1,904	1,857
1934		121.1	116.2	175	143	67.5	58.0	685	633	1,937	1,887
1935		123.5	120.4	176	146	62.6	52.3	696	656	1,957	1,919
1936		124.5	122.4	186	159	60.0	49.9	710	671	2,028	2,034
1937		125.1	122.3	202	176	58.0	48.5	720	668	2,185	2,228
1937				(k)	(k)	62.0	53.9	(e)	(e)		
March		125.0	122.3	197	171	(b)	(b)	715	665	2,168	2,216
April		125.1	122.3	195	167	62.4	54.7	715	663	2,184	2,247
May		125.1	122.4	195	166	61.3	52.9	717	666	2,202	2,273
June		125.3	122.9	198	170	61.9	53.9	725	683	2,192	2,241
July		126.2	124.5	203	176	62.4	54.7	723	679	2,172	2,205
August		126.0	124.0	204	177	61.7	53.8	720	673	2,194	2,242
September		125.1	122.0	208	182	61.3	53.1	724	669	2,187	2,225
October		124.8	121.3	209	183	62.7	54.8	721	660	2,192	2,214
November		124.9	121.2	210	185	62.0	53.8	723	661	2,208	2,233
December		124.8	121.2	210	185	62.4	54.3	725	664	2,203	2,233
1938				210	185	62.1	53.9			2,203	2,225
January		124.9	121.2	210	186	62.1	53.9				
February		125.2	121.5	209	184	61.4	52.8	738	671	2,212	2,239
March		125.5	122.2	206	179	61.2	52.6	739	674	2,215	2,244
April		125.6	122.3	202	174	60.8	52.0	741	668		
1938				202	174	60.9	52.1	744			

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns. (f) Revised.

COUNTRY	ROMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY		AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
Base Period	1913	1913	1926	1926	Jan.-June 30, 1914	Jan.-June 30, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
1913	1,000	1,000			(e)	(e)				
1914										
1920	2,500(i)						100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1923	2,985				499	499	4,828	1250,108	224	242
1924	3,250				528	528	74(a)	1480,583	164	165
1925	3,552				611	622	88	1612,150	169	172
1926	3,855			(k)	654	655	97	116(a)	168	169
1927	3,964			100.0	588	559	103	119	162	160
1928	4,244			96.9	530	517	106	119	160	158
1929	(4,206)			93.3	545	543	108	122	161	157
1930	3,004(j)	(4,046)		86.1	530	519	111	118	158	156
1931	2,512	2,796(j)		81.7	485	452	106	108	150	152
1932	2,319	2,323		75.9	468	431	108	110	138	141
1933	2,235	2,163		74.6	449		105		131	126
1934	2,552	2,087		70.8	430		105		129	117
1935		2,439		69.8			105		128	115
1936				69.7			105		130	114
1937				73.2			105		137	120
1937				71.4			(b)		(g)	130
April				72.7			104		137	(g)
May				73.2			105		136	129
June				73.3			106		137	129
July				72.8			105		137	131
August				72.9			105		137	131
September				74.5			105		137	130
October				76.0			105		137	130
November				76.6			105		138	130
December				77.7			105		138	130
1938							105		138	130
January										
February										
March							105		138	130
April							104		137	130
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(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (d) New series; June, 1928 = 100. (e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (h) July. (i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years. (k) New index on 1926 base.

COUNTRY	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	ESTONIA	LATVIA	LITHUENIA
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1931	1911-13	1935	1913	1930	1913
1913								
1914	100(h)	100(h)				100	1913	1913
1920	300	270(h)	(k)				100	100
1922	231	190(h)	129	184	1,139	91(h)		
1923	218	174(h)	133	171	1,147	102(h)		
1924	239	171(h)	139	176	1,170	94(h)		110
1925	243	176(h)	136	176	1,212	107		136
1926	206	172(h)	119	168(c)	154(f)	118		151
1927	186	169(h)	114	163	158	118		141
1928	173(a)	173(h)	113	166	161	112		141
1929	166	169(h)	112	162	160	117		137
1930	161	164(h)	106	150	147	104		134
1931	153	158(h)	100	136	135	100(g)		115
1932	149	127(h)	100	119	134	94	100	105
1933	147	124(h)	97	119	117	80	91(g)	88
1934	148	123(h)	104	119	117	77	75	75
1935	151	129(h)	107	124	114	87	74	70
1936	155	156(h)	111	118	119	76	69	61
1937	166	134(h)	112	120	130	77	70	62
1937	158	138(h)	116	127	118	89	69	70
1937	(i)	(b)	119	137	107	96	75	70
April	163	137	115	(b)	(e)	(d)		
May	163	161		136.0	104	103	74	70
June	166	-	-	125.4	105	103	68	
July	168	-	-	125.9	103	102	78	70
August	161	138	116	129.3	104	104	84	70
September	170	-	-	130.1	106	104	86	71
October	171	-	-	130.0	108	103	83	70
November	171	140	118	128.6	108	104	84	70
December	171	-	-	130.4	109	105	83	69
1938	164	-	-	139.7	109	106	88	69
January	163	142	(m)	139.4	109	108	77	70
February	172	165	107	129.8	109	100	70	
March	171	-	-	130.4	108	110	63	70
April	171	-	-	128.4	107	110	67	70
April	164	-	107		107	103		
April	164	-	109		106	102		

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index: 1922-36 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) New series; 1931 - 100. (e) New index beginning 1937; 1935 = 100. (m) New series beginning January, 1938; 1935 = 100.

COUNTRY Nature of Index Base	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA	PALESTINE	TURKEY	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA
	Cost of Living Madrid	Cost of Living Lisbon	Cost of Living Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Cost of Living Istanbul	Cost of Living Bombay	Cost of Living Java & Madura	Cost of Living Bangkok Saigon
Period	1914	June, 1914	Jan., 1913 July, 1914	1914	January 1922	1914	July, 1933 June, 1934	1913	1925
1913	100	1,000(c)		190		1,000	100(a)	100	1925
1914	190		237	179			190(a)	100	
1920	177		162	131	76.6		188(a)	160	
1923	184		161	133	79.4		148(a)	167	
1924	189		165	133	83.8		151(a)	166	
1925	187		160	131	82.1		152(a)	174	100
1926	189		153	131	77.4		155(a)	160	99
1927	176		152	131	73.7		154(a)	148	103
1928	181	3,030	151	131	69.4		143(a)	158	104
1929	186	2,361	148	128	61.4	1,381	145(a)	148	112
1930	194	2,241	138	123	55.3	1,272	136(a)	152	117
1931	187	1,990	132	118	56.6	1,203	108(a)	106	92
1932	181	1,949	125	115	54.9	1,172	109(a)	80	76
1933	186	1,968	127	116	55.1	1,047	103(a)	62	69
1934	194	2,022	130	116	53.4	912	97(a)	61	60
1935	187	2,511	129	119	59.1	960	101(a)	64	
1936		(b)				975	101(a)	60	
1937							106	68	
1937							(d)		
March		2,422	129	117	59.7	974	112	55	
April		2,448	128	118	61.4	972	112	64	
May		2,524	127	119	58.5	968	111	66	
June		2,547	128	118	57.1	957	112	67	
July		2,544	128	119	57.7	967	115	68	
August		2,542	128	119	58.5	963	117	71	
September		2,533	129	120	58.4	969	117	72	
October		2,557	129	121	58.2	987	118	73	
November		2,545	128	123	58.5	985	116	74	
December		2,538	129	124	57.7	981	116	74	
1938							107		
January		2,569	129	123	58.2	990	107		
February		2,572	130	124	58.2		107		
March					58.4				

(a) July. (b) Middle of Month. (c) June. (d) New series beginning 1937; annual indexes 1914-36 on July, 1914 base.

COUNTRY Nature of Index Base	ASIA			CHINA			JAPAN			AUSTRALIA			NEW ZEALAND			PERU			SOUTH AMERICA		
	Cost of Living Peiping	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 30 Towns	Foods and Groceries 30 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago							
Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	1923- 1927	1923- 1927	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913	1928	1928							
1913					100 July	100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	70.3	100	100									
1914									101.9	116.5	104	107									
1920									98.4	100.5	210	208									
1924									100.4	103.0	187	168									
1925									101.0	102.6	200	179									
1926									100.1	98.3	194	182									
1927	102.0	103.7	100.0	106.7					100.6	100.4	181	161									
1928	100.0	100.0	106.7	102.5					101.3	97.4	177	159									
1929	101.6	101.5	102.5	92.1					97.4	84.4	169	157									
1929	106.5	107.6	107.9	98.4					84.4	77.5	158	148									
1930	109.6	111.8	121.8	118.8					73.2	77.4	151	143									
1931	95.8	92.5	125.9	107.5					77.4	83.5	148	139									
1932	91.2	85.4	119.1	101.3					87.0	87.0	160	157									
1933	81.0	72.4	107.2	86.9					95.6	95.6	170	173									
1934	79.5	63.9	106.2	86.4					(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)									
1935	85.9	79.0	106.6	89.1					90.3	92.3	167	170									
1936	100.2	99.5	113.3	100.7					91.1	94.3	170	174									
1937			131.8	121.5					91.9	95.1	171	174									
March	111.6	116.6	116.8	104.9					91.7	94.5	171	173									
April	113.6	118.5	117.4	103.7					92.1	95.4	171	173									
May	108.9	112.8	118.7	104.3					92.7	95.6	172	174									
June	104.3	107.4	119.0	104.0					93.4	97.6	172	174									
July			120.0	106.0					93.8	98.5	173	176									
August			134.6	128.5					94.5	100.2	173	176									
September			147.7	141.4					94.9	101.2	174	177									
October			139.5	126.9					94.2	99.1	176	180									
November			160.6	157.9					94.3	98.5	175	179									
December			167.2	157.3					94.2	98.3	173	176									
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(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent

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AUTHORITY		Dominion Bureau of Statistics										Bureau of Labour Statistics					Dun		Annalist	
		General Index		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labour Statistics		Bradstreet									
No. of	Commodities	567 (c)	236 (d)	402 (d)	245 (d)	322 (d)	200	784 (b)	106	1913	200	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	74 Series			
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926									1926			
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	100	120.887	100	100	120.887	100	-	-			
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211	97	101	122.211	101	-	-			
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	248.721	204	205	248.721	205	-	-			
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.694	151	164	197.694	164	(e)	(e)			
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	141	157	189.398	157	100.0	100.0			
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	139	155	187.092	155	96.3	96.3			
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521	144	161	194.521	161	99.2	99.2			
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	151.043	138	158	151.043	158	96.9	96.9			
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453	117	144	174.453	144	84.9	84.9			
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353	95	122	147.353	122	69.3	69.3			
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303	77	111	134.303	111	60.6	60.6			
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	7.8557	85	144.661	85	120	144.661	120	63.1	63.1			
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	166.082	100	137	166.082	137	75.5	75.5			
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0	80.0	9.9222	108	174.744	108	145	174.744	145	83.8	83.8			
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	83.7	80.8	10.0989	110	179.925	110	149	179.925	149	84.1	84.1			
1937	84.5	132.0	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	90.7	86.3	11.0648	120	197.505	120	163	197.505	163	92.4	92.4			
1937									(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)					
July	87.5	136.7	81.1	90.3	88.8	82.2	92.5	87.9	11.2734	122	202.413	122	167	202.413	167	95.2	95.2			
August	85.6	133.7	80.6	86.8	83.7	81.9	91.7	87.5	11.1928	122	193.940	122	160	193.940	160	94.3	94.3			
September	85.0	132.8	80.3	85.9	83.7	81.2	91.6	87.4	10.9579	119	192.778	119	159	192.778	159	94.4	94.4			
October	84.7	132.3	80.5	84.9	83.5	81.3	89.2	85.4	10.8483	118	193.674	118	160	193.674	160	91.6	91.6			
November	83.1	129.8	79.3	82.4	81.2	80.6	86.3	83.3	10.3478	112	183.453	112	152	183.453	152	88.0	88.0			
December	82.7	129.2	79.1	82.7	80.8	80.2	83.8	81.7	9.7712	106	176.824	106	146	176.824	146	85.5	85.5			
1938																				
January	83.8	130.9	78.7	84.5	82.0	81.6	83.4	80.9								84.2	84.2			
February	83.6	130.6	79.1	83.7	81.1	82.0	82.6	79.8								82.8	82.8			
March	83.1	129.8	79.0	82.5	79.7	82.0	82.2	79.7								82.5	82.5			
April	82.3	128.6	78.5	81.9	79.0	81.3	80.9	78.7								80.7	80.7			
May	80.3	125.4	77.7	78.9	75.8	79.4	80.9	78.1								80.5	80.5			
June	80.1	125.1	77.8	78.5	75.3	79.2	80.9	78.3												
July	78.6	122.8	77.8	76.1	72.5	78.4	81.5	78.8												
(a) First of month.		(b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926																		

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934. (e) New series on 1926 base.

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COUNTRY	AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND		BELGIUM		NETHERLANDS		NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN
AUTHORITY	Federal Statistical Office		Federal Labour Department		Ministry of Industry and Labour		Central Bureau of Statistics		Økonomisk Revue	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities	47 (b)		78		130		48		100	95	47	160			
Base Period	January - July, 1914		July 1914		April 1914		1913		Dec. 21/13 June 30/14	1913	July 1/13- June 30/14	1913	1935	1927	1913
1913			100 April		100 April		100		100	100	116	100	100	1913	1913
1914							109		115		347				100
1920							292		382		155				101
1924	136		171.2	573	573		156		268	268	155	359			221
1925	136		160.5	559	559		155		251	253	157	162			183
1926	123		144.5	744	744		145		196	198	144	161			188
1927	133		142.2	847	847		148		160	167	141	149			181
1928	130		144.6	843	843		149		155	157(e)	144	146			172
1929	130		141.2	851	851		142		148	149	134	148		100	167
1930	117		126.5	744	744		117		138	137	115	140		88	171
1931	109		109.7	626	626		97		123	122	105	122		90	172
1932	112		96.0	532	532		79		125	122	101	111		74	173
1933	108		91.0	501	501		74		124	122	100	109		57	159
1934	110		89.8	473	473		78		126	124	107	107		51	163
1935	110		89.8	537	537		76		132	127	111	116		56	
1936	109		95.6	605	605		79		138	134		120		63	
1937	113		111.2	684	684		97		161	156		137		65	
1937	(d)		(a)	(f)	(f)					(d)				(a)	
July	116		112.4	702	702		98		165	160		140		64	
August	114		110.8	700	700		98		165	160		140		64	
September	113		110.5	690	690		97		164	161		140		65	
October	113		110.9	683	683		97		163	161		139		66	
November	111		109.6	663	663		97		163	160		137		66	
December	111		109.6	659	659		96		163	159		136		67	
1938															
January	111		110.0	660	660		97		162	158		135		66	
February	111		109.4	657	657		95		160	157		134		66	
March			108.2	644	644		93		159	155		132		64	
April			108.1	640	640		92		159	154		131		65	
May			106.9	631	631		92		159	154		130		65	
June			107.1	629	629		92		159	153		130		62	
July			106.4	623	623					154		130			

(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928.

(f) Second half of month. (g) New series; 1931= 100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base. (h) New series beginning January, 1938.

AUT. ORITY		Bachi	Offi- cial	Commerce Reports	Official	LITHUANIA	Latvia	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA				
No. of	Commodities	138	293	238	135	139	88	61	55	60	44	52	92	126	52	1913- 1914	
Base	Period	1913	June 1928	1928	1913	1926	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913- July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914	1913- 1914	1914	
1913		100			100		100	100					100	100 July			
1914					103												
1920		512			1183												
1924		596			1100												
1925		603			1129												
1926		495			1088												
1927		462			1133												
1928		445			1110												
1929		383	(e)	100.0		100	134	128.6	100.0	1,811	116	2,947	138	(g)	1262		
1930		328	100.0	96.3		101	134	119.9	103.4	1,646	124	3,017	140	979	1296		
1931		304	95.4	85.5		102	129	101.9	100.6	1,471	114	3,237	124	924	1316		
1932		280	85.4	74.6		90	108	84.8	86.6	1,756	117	3,447	132	801	1000		
1933		273	74.5	65.5		84	94	85.1	72.9	1,997	102	2,788	96	734	859		
1934		318	69.6	59.1		90	76	83.7	65.2	1,969	91	2,332	95	678	738		
1935		363	63.4	55.8		92	68	83.0	64.4	2,003	83	2,071	92	658	648		
1936		437	62.0	53.1		103	53	86.0	63.0	2,038	85	1,873	79	675	672		
1937			68.2	54.0			55	91.0	69.0	2,282	84	1,919	90	705	735		
1937			76.1	59.4			64	113.0	75.0		91	1,991	89	706	817		
1937			89.1	(a)					(a)		101	2,221	94	751	849		
June		437.7	89.6	60.3		103	63.9	112	72.1	2,291		(f)	(a)	(b)			
July		444.5	90.3	60.0		103	64.9	113	73.7	2,309	101	2,163	94	752	834		
August		448.7	91.2	59.6		103	64.3	116	75.3	2,308	102	2,255	94	763	823		
September		452.9	91.7	59.6		104	64.1	118	78.1	2,302	103	2,281	94	759	832		
October		462.0	93.0	58.4		104	64.7	116	80.0	2,307	102	2,301	96	755	839		
November		467.8	95.1	58.4		102	64.9	115	79.5	2,292	103	2,331	93	749	844		
December		470.6	96.4	58.1		102	65.9	115	79.9	2,286	102	2,323	94	744	837		
1938											101	2,326	95	732	815		
January		470.0	95.2	58.0		102	65.7	114	80.2	2,284		(h)					
February		466.9	93.7	57.7		101	65.6	114	79.9	2,288	102	2,141	94	733	811		
March		465.5	93.8	56.9		100	65.4	114	78.6	2,291	102	2,104	93	733	814		
April		464.7	95.0	57.2		99	65.5	113	79.3	2,285	101	2,081	94	730	823		
May		468.5	95.7	56.9		98	64.9	114	80.1	2,256	100	2,091	101	727	817		
June		469.6	96.2	56.8		97	64.2	113	79.4	2,226	99	2,101	99	731	816		
July			94.9	56.4		97						2,095	98	731			
													96	734			
(a) End of month.		(b) First of month.		(c) Since January, 1929, new index.		(e) New series; June 1928=100.		(f) Average of last week of month.									
(g) Former index now given in paper currency.		(h) New series beginning January, 1938 on 1914 base.															

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Since January, 1929, new index. (e) New series; June 1928=100. (f) Average of last week of month.

(g) Former index now given in paper currency. (h) New series beginning January, 1938 on 1914 base.

CONTINENT	A S I A				O C E A N I A				A F R I C A	
COUNTRY	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT	
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Statistique generale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of	72	43	37	100	154	56	92	180	188	23
Commodities		92								
Base	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914
Period	1913	100	100	68		100.0	100.0		100.0	
1914	100(a)	98(a)		67		95.5	105.6		96.9	
1920	201	279		89		259.4	227.9	1053	223.3	216
1924	173	173		93	97.9	206.4	173.3	2092	128.7	143
1925	159	166	132	97	99.3	201.6	169.5	1634	127.6	152
1926	148	159	131	100	100.0	178.8	168.4	1627	123.3	132
1927	148	154	142	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1553	124.0	121
1928	145	149	148	108	101.7	170.8	164.7	1478	120.4	120
1929	141	148	153	111	104.5	166.1	165.7	1492	116.0	116
1930	116	134	153	116	114.8	136.8	146.7	1588	102.7	104
1931	96	105	129	123	126.7	115.6	131.3	1449	99.5	97
1932	91	86	116	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1346(e)	91.5	84
1933	87	71	106	101	103.8	135.6	129.5	1297	93.1	71
1934	89	67	96	92	97.1	134.2	135.2	1308	101.7	87
1935	91	65	94	95	96.4	140.2	135.0	1330	94.8	95
1936	91	67	99	111	108.5	149.2	141.8	1385	98.6	85
1937	102	89	132		129.1	180.0	152.2	1399	101.0	88
1937	(b)				(b)			1484		
June	102	90	125	130	(b)	180.1	152.8	(c)		
July	104	91	131		126.1	180.5	156.5	1514	-	87
August	105	90	136		125.8	177.3	158.1	1512.	101.4	88
September	104	90	141		127.8	180.2	156.8	1525	-	88
October	104	88	147		129.9	180.2	156.8	1524	-	88
November	103	86	143		133.1	178.7	152.9	1529	103.4	89
December	101	86	143		140.3	179.5	147.5	1564	-	88
1938	104	86	143		141.4	182.3	145.4	1565	-	88
January	104	86	143		139.6	185.4	146.7	1533	107.3	88
February	99	85	145		138.4	188.4	147.1	1528	-	90
March	97	84	148		139.2	190.0	147.3	1522	-	89
April	96	84	149		.	186.5	149.3	1519	-	90
May	94	84	152			188.1	158.8	1514	104.2	91
June	94	84				192.2	156.8	1517	-	92
(a) July.	(b) End of month.	(c) Fifteenth of month.	(d) Average for ten months only.	(e) Revised since January, 1931.	(f) Monthly average.					

Nature of Index	CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		FRANCE	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living		Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities	
	Foods	Cost of Living	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	300 Towns	Paris
Base Period	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	Foods	Cost of Living
1913	66.2	65.4	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	(g) (i)	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	136.2	118.2	256	249	188	184	100 July	342
1920	141.1	124.2	100.0	100.0	169	174	190	186	371	334
1923	92.1	100.0	99.1	101.3	170	175	193	190	380	369
1924	90.7	98.0	107.2	103.7	171	176	193	185	425	400
1925	94.7	99.3	110.6	104.3	164	172	179	175	554	505
1926	100.0	100.0	107.0	102.0	160	168	170	174	556	514
1927	98.1	98.4	105.6	100.6	157	166	169	176	549	519
1928	98.6	98.9	106.9	100.1	154	164	169	176	102.2(h)	556
1929	101.0	99.9	101.7	96.7	145	158	160	171	100.0	581
1930	98.6	99.2	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	161	98.8	569
1931	77.3	89.6	69.7	77.9	126	144	141	157	87.6	526
1932	64.3	81.4	67.8	74.9	120	140	131	151	83.9	520
1933	63.7	77.7	75.3	79.4	122	141	135	152	78.0	516
1934	69.4	78.7	82.1	82.6	125	143	140	155	69.1	483
1935	70.4	79.1	83.9	84.8	130	147	147	160	76.1	507
1936	73.4	80.8	86.9	88.5	139	155	156	170	95.0	619
1937	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(a)
June	76.4	82.9	88.2	88.9	136	152	-	-	92.2	-
July	77.2	83.1	87.7	88.9	140	155	-	-	92.9	-
August	79.1	83.7	87.3	89.0	140	155	154	170	93.7	630
September	78.3	83.6	87.6	89.4	140	155	-	-	99.6	-
October	78.9	84.2	86.7	89.5	143	158	-	-	101.3	-
November	78.8	84.2	85.4	89.0	146	160	165	177	102.4	658
December	79.1	84.3	84.4	88.6	146	160	-	-	104.2	-
1938										
January	78.4	84.1	82.0	87.5	145	159	-	-	105.9	-
February	77.9	83.9	80.1	86.7	142	157	159	173	107.9	688
March	78.6	84.2	80.3	86.7	140	156	-	-	106.9	-
April	78.8	84.3	81.1	86.8	137	154	-	-	106.8	-
May	77.7	84.2	80.8	86.5	139	156	156	171	107.2	692
June	78.1	84.1	81.9	86.7	138	155	-	-	109.0	-
July	78.4	84.2	81.7	86.5	146	159	-	-	107.4	-

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2 (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583 (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris, Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.

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CONTINENT		COUNTRY		EUROPE		OTHER COUNTRIES					
Nature of Index Base	Period	ROMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY		AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
		Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
		1913	1913	1926	1926	Jan.-June 30, 1914	Jan.-June 30, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
		1,000	1,000			(e)	(e)				
		2,500(i)		(k)	(k)	494	499	100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1913		2,985		100.0	100.0	527	528	4,828	1250,108	224	242
1914		3,250		96.9	98.8	611	622	74(a)	1480,583	164	165
1920		3,552		93.3	97.1	654	655	88	1612,150	169	172
1923		3,855		93.9	98.7	588	559	97	116(a)	168	169
1924		3,964		86.1	88.7	530	517	103	119	162	160
1925		4,244		81.7	83.6	545	543	106	119	160	158
1926		(4,206)	(4,046)	75.9	76.2	530	519	108	122	161	157
1927		3,004(j)	2,796(j)	74.6	72.4	485	452	111	118	158	156
1928		2,512	2,323	70.8	68.1	468	431	106	108	150	152
1929		2,319	2,163	69.7	68.5	449		108	110	138	141
1930		2,235	2,087	73.2	72.9	430		105	104	131	126
1931		2,552	2,439	73.3	72.8			105	101	129	117
1932				73.8	72.9			105	100	128	115
1933				74.5	73.8			105	101	130	114
1934				76.0	75.8			105	99	130	120
1935				76.6	76.7			105	(b)	137	130
1936				77.7	78.0			105	(b)	(h)	(g)
1937				77.9	78.2			105	100	137	131
1938				79.1	79.5			105	99	137	130
1939				79.2	79.8			105	100	137	130
January								105	99	138	130
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(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) New series; June, 1928 = 100. (d) Since 1927, new series. (e) June. (f) June. (g) East week of month. (h) July. (i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years. (k) New index on 1926 base.

Country	NORWAY			SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Index	31 Towns	31 Towns	42 Towns	49 Towns	100 Localities	100 Localities	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	21 Towns	21 Towns	21 Towns	Tallinn	Tallinn	Riga	Riga	84 Towns	84 Towns
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1931	1931	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913	100(h)	100(h)	(j)	(j)	(k)	(k)			1,139	1,058							
1914	300	319	100(h)	287(h)	129	153	182	171	1,147	1,143							
1920	231	231	270(h)	178(h)	133	158	174	176	1,170	1,079							
1922	218	217	190(h)	158(h)	139	170	177	176	1,170	1,093							
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	136	168	179	176	1,212	1,147							
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	136	168	168(c)	161(c)	154(f)	1,093							
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	168(c)	161(c)	154(f)	1,147							
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	114	127	168	163	158	1,147							
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	169	166	161	146							
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	162	160	150							
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	150	147	147							
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	135	127							
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	97	97	141	119	134	113							
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	119	131	117							
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	107	106	140	124	128	117							
1935	151	137	156(h)	129(h)	111	114	136	118	130	114							
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)	112	116	132	120	130	119							
1937	166	158	162(h)	138(h)	116	119	137	127	105	118							
1937	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)	116	119	(b)	(b)	(e)	107							
July	168	161	162	138	116	120	138.7	130.1	106	106							
August	168	161	-	-	-	-	139.1	130.0	108	111							
September	170	163	-	-	-	-	138.8	128.6	108	111							
October	171	164	165	140	118	123	139.7	130.4	109	112							
November	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.7	130.9	109	111							
December	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.4	129.8	109	111							
1938																	
January	171	163	165	142	(m)	(m)	139.1	130.4	108	109							
February	172	165	-	-	107	108	138.7	130.1	108	108							
March	171	164	-	-	-	-	137.9	128.4	107	108							
April	171	164	165	141	107	109	138.2	129.0	107	106							
May	171	165	-	-	-	-	139.1	131.5	106	106							
June	172	166	-	-	-	-	140.4	134.1	106	105							
July	173	168	168	142	106	107			106	106							

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index: 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) New series; 1931 = 100. (e) New index beginning 1937; 1935 = 100. (m) New series January, 1938; 1935 = 100

COUNTRY	CHINA			JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		SOUTH AMERICA		
	Cost of Living Peiping	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 30 Towns	Foods and Groceries 30 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago
Index Base														
Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	1923-1927	1923-1927	1926-1930	1926-1930	1913	1913	1928	1928
1913					100 July	100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	70.3	100	100		
1914									101.9	116.5	104	107		
1920					221	233	98.0	97.2	98.4	100.5	210	208		
1924					218	236	99.1	100.2	100.4	103.0	187	168		
1925					199	217	100.6	102.7	101.0	102.6	200	179		
1926					189	211	99.7	100.4	100.1	98.3	201	182		
1927					184	202	100.3	98.9	100.6	100.4	194	177		
1928					181	203	102.6	104.7	100.4	101.3	181	161		
1929					155	173	97.1	94.6	98.1	97.4	177	159	(108)	(116)
1930					136	151	87.0	83.0	90.6	84.4	169	157	109	119
1931					137	158	82.8	80.0	83.8	77.5	158	148	108	115
1932					146	161	80.3	75.4	79.5	73.2	151	143	104	103
1933					149	164	81.8	78.6	80.8	77.4	148	139	(d) 114	115
1934					152	170	83.1	80.9	83.7	83.5	150	148	141	147
1935					159	184	84.8	82.8	86.4	87.0	152	147	142	149
1936					174	193	87.1	85.4	92.2	95.6	160	157	144	155
1937					(b)	(b)	(a)	84.7	(b)	(b)	170	173	157	171
1937					171	188	-	85.3	91.7	94.5	(b)	(b)	176	205
June	104.3	107.4	119.0	104.0	171	188	-	85.3	92.1	94.5	171	173	179	209
July			120.0	106.0	172	187	-	85.2	92.7	95.4	171	173	181	214
August			134.6	128.5	174	190	-	86.5	93.4	95.6	172	174	183	217
September			147.7	141.4	178	197	87.4	86.8	93.8	97.6	172	174	187	224
October			139.5	126.9	179	200		86.2	94.5	98.5	173	176	185	221
November			160.6	157.9	180	198		86.3	94.9	100.2	173	176	185	220
December			167.2	157.3	182	201	88.0	86.3	94.9	101.2	174	177	180	211
1938														
January			154.6	140.9	185	204	-	86.2	94.2	99.1	176	180	178	206
February			158.5	144.1	190	205	-	86.6	94.3	98.5	175	179	177	203
March			150.4	133.4	193	205	88.2	86.8	94.2	98.3	174	176	180	210
April					198	209	-	87.3	94.6	99.4	174	174	183	215
May					198	207	-	88.2	94.7	99.7	175	175	188	226
June					197	205	89.1	89.3	94.7	99.4	175	175	188	226
July					199	202					174	173		

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
THIRD QUARTER OF 1938

International wholesale commodity price indexes which have been declining almost steadily since the summer months of 1937 recorded further moderate recessions in the third quarter of 1938. An analysis of the wholesale indexes of seventeen leading commercial countries between June and September, 1938, showed declines in eleven, no change in two, and advances of less than one per cent in the remaining four. Percentage losses were also generally small, seldom exceeding three per cent with the exception of the Canadian index which dropped seven per cent due to the sharp reaction in grain prices. The contraction in wholesale price indexes in the United States and the United Kingdom during the past year may also be partially explained by the weakness prevailing in international wheat markets as a result of the sharp increase in world stocks of this commodity. A comparison of percentage changes from March to September and June to September indicated that the rate of decline was continuing at approximately the same pace as in the second quarter of 1938. Factors associated with the decline in wholesale prices are revealed by statistics prepared by the League of Nations. These showed world stocks of many basic commodities, including wheat, cotton, rubber, sugar and tin to be considerably higher in the fall months of 1938 than in the same period of 1937. The value of world exports has declined 16.8 per cent from its recent high in July, 1937, while a corresponding comparison for imports showed a drop of 21.9 per cent. Industrial production indexes for the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada also indicated considerable reduction between 1937 peaks and September, 1938. Germany ran counter to this trend and the September index was the highest of any month for some years. September wholesale price indexes for several countries were on a par with levels obtaining in the final quarter of 1936. Indexes in other countries, notably France, Japan and China have shown large increases since 1936, following currency depreciation.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
THIRD QUARTER OF 1938

Cost of living index numbers were firmer in the third quarter of 1938 than wholesale indexes. Out of a total of seventeen countries, indexes for eight showed losses between June and September while three remained unchanged and six advanced. Japan and Australia registered the largest gains noted, of 3.6 and 1.2 per cent respectively. All losses were confined to less than one per cent, with the exception of Norway and the Netherlands, which showed equal decreases of 1.2 per cent between June and September. The Canadian cost of living figure was unchanged despite the sharp drop in wholesale prices in the third quarter. United States living costs have declined more appreciably in the past year than those in Canada and the United States index of 85.9 for September was 10 per cent below its seven year high established in October, 1937, while the Canadian figure for September was only 0.9 per cent below its seven year high touched in August, 1938. The United Kingdom cost of living index reached a high of 159.0 in July, although the September figure of 156.0 was only slightly above the June level. Retail prices in France, Japan and China have paralleled the substantial increases shown in wholesale prices in those countries during the past year.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES									
CONTINENT	N. AMERICA		SOUTH AMERICA		EUROPE				
COUNTRY	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM	FRANCE	GERMANY		
AUTHORITY	Official	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Generale
No. of	32	108	1913	58	200	58	45	60	Statistique Generale
Commodities	1929	1926	1913	1913	1930	1913	1927	1913	1913
Base Period	1929	1926	1913	1913	1930	1913	1927	1913	1913
1913		75.5	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1914				104				251.2(d)	100 July
1920		98.5		239	(f)307.3		295.3	158.6(d)	520
1922		101.8		190	158.8		154.1	169.1(d)	334
1923		109.5		189	158.9		151.8	179.3(d)	428
1924		110.9		192	166.2	115.7	164.6	152.8(d)	499
1925		100.0		202	159.1	112.0	159.5	142.1(d)	561
1926		98.1		203	148.1	104.0	149.6	141.9(d)	718
1927		98.5		203	141.6	100.0	144.2	137.5(d)	630
1928		96.4		192	140.3	98.1	141.9	128.8(d)	634
1929		92.2		186	136.5	92.4	135.3	103.2(d)	623
1930		89.0	192.5	178	(e)100.0	106.8	114.1	99.5(d)	543
1931	100.0	89.7	192.8	175	87.8	89.3	96.5	94.3(d)	462
1932	103.4	84.3	192.8	170	85.6	86.1	94.0	98.2(d)	407
1933	89.8	85.6	166.9	180	85.7	63.1	93.7	376	398
1934	94.7	98.4	346.4	188	88.1	65.6	96.4	338	376
1935	94.5	97.0	343.6	189	89.0	68.0	98.9	411	338
1936	100.7	99.2	343.3	192	94.4	73.0	103.5	581	101.8
1937	119.1	112.6	380.0	205	108.8	83.0	120.6	628	104.1
1937			454.6	(c)		(b)	(b)	621	105.9
October	122.6	115.4	460.3	205	110.6	109.6	118.6	631	105.5
November	122.6	112.8	447.5	206	108.5	105.9	113.8	636	105.6
December	118.3	111.7	432.2	203	107.6	106.2	114.5	634	105.8
1938								643	105.6
January	121.3	112.4	431.6	204	107.7	104.8	113.5	654	105.4
February	124.9	111.2	430.9	205	105.8	104.0	113.4	660	105.6
March	124.5	109.4	431.2	204	104.1	102.0	110.8	649	105.9
April	124.8	108.1	432.1	204	103.1	100.8	110.0	652	105.6
May	127.6	106.3	432.6	203	102.0	99.4	107.5	652	105.7
June	126.7	104.2	430.4	203	100.7	100.3	107.5	663	105.6
July		104.0	436.5	204	100.6	99.1	107.2	663	105.6
August		102.3	438.0	206	99.5	96.8	104.2	663	105.6
September			437.9	205	98.4	96.6	104.2	663	105.6
October					99.1	70.0	104.5	663	105.7

(a) Since 1934, new series.
(f) 1920-29, base 1913=100.

(b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) December.

(e) Since January, 1935, new series, 1930=100

CONTINENT	COUNTRY	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	EUROPE		NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN
		Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Røve	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of		47(b)	78	130	48	100	95	47	160		23	74
Commodities		January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 21/13 June 30/14	1913	July 1/13 - June 30/14	1913	1935	1927	1913
Base			100 April	100 April	100	100	100	116	100	100		100
Period												
1913												
1914												
1920												
1924		136	171.2	573	292	382	268	347	359			101
1925		136	160.5	559	156	269		155	162			221
1926		123	144.5	744	155	251	253	157	161			183
1927		133	142.2	847	145	196	198	144	149			188
1928		130	144.6	843	148	160	167	141	146			181
1929		130	141.2	851	149	155	157(o)	144	148			172
1930		117	126.5	744	142	148	149	134	140			167
1931		109	109.7	626	117	138	137	115	122			171
1932		112	96.0	532	97	123	122	105	122			172
1933		108	91.0	501	79	125	122	101	111			174
1934		110	89.8	473	74	124	122	100	109			173
1935		110	89.8	537	78	126	124	107	107			159
1936		109	95.6	605	76	132	127	111	114			163
1937		113	111.2	684	79	136	134		116			163
1937		(d)	(a)	(f)	97	161	156		120	(g)		56
October		113	110.9	683			(d)		137	145		63
November		111	109.6	663	97	163	161		139	(h)		65
December		111	109.6	659	96	163	160		137	(a)		66
1938							159		136	146		66
January		111	110.0	660	97	162				145		67
February		111	109.4	657			158		135			
March			108.2	644	95	160	157		134	119		66
April			108.1	640	93	159	155		132	117		66
May			106.9	631	92	159	154		131	115		64
June			107.1	629	92	159	154		130	113		65
July			106.4	623	92	158	153		130	112		65
August			105.4	620	90	152	154		130	111		62
September			105.5	622	90	151	152		128	111		62
October				617	91	151	151		127	110		62
									128	111		63

(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928.

(f) Second half of month. (g) New series: 1931=100 - annual figures 1925=1934 on 1913 base. (h) New series beginning January, 1938.

CONTINENT	COUNTRY	ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
AUTHORITY	Bach	Official	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of		293	238	135	88	61	55	60	44	52	92	126	52
Commodities	138	June		139				Jan. 1913- July 1914					
Base	1913	1928	1928	1913	1913	1913	1926		1913	1914	1913	July, 1914	1913-
Period	100			100	100	100			100		100		1914
1913				103									
1914				1183									
1920				1100									
1924	512			1129									
1925	596			1088									
1926	603			1133									
1927	495	(e)		1110									
1928	462	100.0	100.0	100	134	128.6	100.0	1,811	116	2,947	138	(g)	1262
1929	445	95.4	96.3	101	134	119.9	103.4	1,646	124	3,017	140		1296
1930	383	85.4	85.5	102	134	101.9	106.2	1,471	114	3,237	124		1316
1931	328	74.5	74.6	90	129	84.8	100.6	1,766	121	3,447	132		1000
1932	304	69.6	65.5	84	94	85.1	86.6	1,997	102	2,788	96		859
1933	280	63.4	59.1	90	76	83.7	72.9	1,969	91	2,332	95		738
1934	273	62.0	55.8	89	68	83.0	65.2	2,003	83	2,071	92		648
1935	318	68.2	53.1	90	61	86.0	63.2	2,038	86	1,821	76		672
1936	363	76.1	54.0	92	53	91.0	66.0	2,282	85	1,919	79		735
1937	437	89.1	59.4	103	55	113.0	69.0	2,302	84	1,991	90		817
1937			(a)		64		75.0	2,286	91	2,221	89		849
September	452.9	91.7	59.6	104	64.1	118	(a)		101	(f)	94		
October	462.0	93.0	58.4	104	64.7	116	78.1	2,307	102	2,301	(a)		
November	467.8	95.1	58.4	102	64.9	115	80.0	2,292	103	2,331	96		839
December	470.6	96.4	58.1	102	65.9	115	79.5	2,286	102	2,323	93		844
1938							79.9		101	2,326	94		837
January	470.0	95.2	58.0	102	65.7	114	80.2	2,284		(h)	95		815
February	466.9	93.7	57.7	101	65.6	114	79.9	2,288	102	2,141			
March	465.5	93.8	56.9	100	65.4	114	78.6	2,291	102	2,104	94		811
April	464.7	95.0	57.2	99	65.5	113	79.3	2,285	101	2,081	93		814
May	468.5	95.7	56.9	98	64.9	114	80.1	2,256	100	2,091	94		823
June	469.6	96.2	56.8	97	64.2	113	79.4	2,226	100	2,101	101		817
July	467.8	94.9	56.4	97	63.4	112	76.5	2,203	100	2,095	99		816
August	467.5	96.0	55.1	98	62.6	112	76.8		100	2,167	98		800
September	471.0	96.8	55.0	97	62.7	112	78.0		99	2,214	96		788

COUNTRY		INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES		INDO-CHINA		CHINA		JAPAN		COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		SOUTH AFRICA		AFRICA	
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	Statistique generale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo								
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	37	100	154	56	92	180	188	23								
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914								
1913	100(a)	100(a)	100	100	68		100.0	100.0		100.0									
1914	201	216	98(a)		67		95.5	105.6	1053	96.9	216								
1920	173	182	279		89		259.4	227.9	2092	223.3	143								
1924	159	163	173		93	97.9	206.4	173.3	1634	128.7	152								
1925	148	149	166	132	97	99.3	201.6	169.5	1627	127.6	132								
1926	148	147	159	131	100	100.0	178.8	168.4	1553	123.3	121								
1927	145	146	154	142	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478	124.0	120								
1928	141	145	149	148	108	101.7	170.8	164.7	1492	120.4	116								
1929	116	126	148	153	111	104.5	166.1	165.7	1588	116.0	104								
1930	96	109	134	153	116	114.8	136.8	146.7	1449	102.7	97								
1931	91	109	105	129	123	126.7	115.6	131.3	1346(e)	99.5	84								
1932	87	98	86	116	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1297	91.5	71								
1933	89	95	71	106	101	103.8	135.6	129.5	1308	93.1	87								
1934	91	99	67	96	92	97.1	134.2	135.2	1330	101.7	95								
1935	91	96	65	94	95	96.4	140.2	135.0	1385	94.8	85								
1936	102	106	67	99	111	108.5	149.2	141.8	1399	98.6	88								
1937	(b)	106	89	132		129.1	180.0	152.2	1484	101.0									
September	104	106	90	141		(b)	180.2	156.8	(c)	-	88								
October	104	105	88	147		129.9	178.7	152.9	1524	103.4	89								
November	103	105	86	143		133.1	178.5	147.5	1529	-	88								
December	101	104	86	143		140.3	182.3	145.4	1564	-	88								
1938						141.4			1565	-									
January	99	104	86	143		139.6	185.4	146.7	1533	107.3	88								
February	97	103	85	145		138.4	188.4	147.1	1528	-	90								
March	96	100	84	148		139.2	190.0	147.3	1522	-	89								
April	94	101	84	149		142.8	186.5	149.3	1519	104.2	90								
May	94	100	84	152		141.9	188.1	150.8	1514	-	91								
June	94	100	84	152		145.2	192.2	152.7	1517	-	92								
July	95	100	84	154		153.0	192.2	158.6	1508	103.1	92								
August	94	100	84	154		164.8	190.3	157.4	1514	-	91								
September	95	100	83	154		164.9	190.3	154.4	1506	-	92								
(a) July.	(b) End of month.	(c) Fifteenth of month.	(d) Average for ten months only.	(e) Revised since January, 1931.	(f) Monthly average.														

Nature of Index	CANADA		NORTH AMERICA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		EUROPE	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics, Foods	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns Foods	Paris Foods	Paris Cost of Living	
	Foods	Cost of Living			1926(c)	1926(c)	Foods	Cost of Living				Foods
Base Period	1926(c)	1926(c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	July	1914	July	1914	(g) (i)	July, 1914	July, 1914	
1913	66.2	65.4	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	
1914	68.9	66.0	136.2	118.2	256	249	188	184	386	371	342	
1920	141.1	124.2	100.0	100.0	169	174	190	186	349	332	334	
1923	92.1	100.0	99.1	101.3	170	175	193	190	406	380	369	
1924	90.7	98.0	107.2	103.7	171	176	179	185	450	425	400	
1925	94.7	99.3	110.6	104.3	164	172	179	185	571	554	505	
1926	100.0	100.0	107.0	102.0	160	168	170	175	551	556	514	
1927	98.1	98.4	105.6	100.6	157	166	169	174	537	549	519	
1928	98.6	98.9	106.9	100.1	154	164	169	176	609	102.2(h)	556	
1929	101.0	99.9	101.7	96.7	145	158	160	171	609	100.0	581	
1930	98.6	99.2	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	161	605	98.8	569	
1931	77.3	89.6	69.7	77.9	126	144	141	157	535	87.6	526	
1932	64.3	81.4	67.8	74.9	120	140	131	151	501	83.9	520	
1933	63.7	77.7	75.3	79.4	122	141	135	152	474	78.0	516	
1934	69.4	78.7	82.1	82.6	125	143	140	155	417	69.1	483	
1935	70.4	79.1	83.9	84.8	130	147	147	160	452	76.1	507	
1936	73.4	80.8	86.9	88.5	139	155	156	170	571	95.0	619	
1937	77.3	83.1	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	-	(f)	(d)	
1937	(e)	(e)	87.6	89.4	140	155	-	-	-	99.6	-	
September	78.3	83.6	86.7	89.5	143	158	-	-	-	101.3	-	
October	78.9	84.2	85.4	89.0	146	160	165	177	619	102.4	658	
November	78.8	84.2	84.4	88.6	146	160	-	-	-	104.2	-	
December	79.1	84.3					-	-	-		-	
1938							-	-	-		-	
January	78.4	84.0	82.0	87.5	145	159	-	-	-	105.9	-	
February	77.9	83.9	80.1	86.7	142	157	159	173	640	107.9	688	
March	77.6	84.2	80.3	86.7	140	156	-	-	-	106.9	-	
April	78.8	84.2	81.1	86.8	137	154	-	-	-	106.8	-	
May	77.7	84.1	80.8	86.5	139	156	-	-	-	107.2	-	
June	78.1	84.0	81.9	86.7	138	155	156	171	643	109.0	692	
July	78.4	84.1	81.7	86.5	146	159	-	-	-	107.4	-	
August	78.4	84.3	80.1	85.9	141	156	-	-	-	106.0	-	
September	77.6	84.0	80.4	85.8	140	156	159	173	654	107.3	689	
October	77.1	83.8	79.8	85.8	139	155				110.7		

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2 (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of Month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris, Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.

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COUNTRY	ROMANIA			YUGOSLAVIA			ITALY			AUSTRIA			SWITZERLAND		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living June, 1928	Food June, 1928	Cost of Living Vienna July, 1914	Foods Vienna July, 1914	Cost of Living 34 Towns June, 1914	Foods 34 Towns June, 1914			
Base	1913	1913	1926	1926	Jan.-June 30, 1914	Jan.-June 30, 1914	June, 1928	June, 1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914			
Period	1,000	1,000			(c)	(c)									
1913															
1914															
1920															
1923	2,500(i)														
1924	2,985				494	499			100(h)	100(f)		100(r)			
1925	3,250				527	528			1250, 108	224		242			
1926	3,552			(k)	611	622			1480, 583	164		165			
1927	3,855		100.0	100.0	654	655			1612, 150	169		172			
1928	3,964		96.9	98.8	588	559			116(a)	168		169			
1929	4,244		93.3	97.1	530	517	(d)	(d)	119	162		160			
1930	(4,206)		93.9	98.7	545	543	100	100	119	160		158			
1931	3,004(j)	(4,046)	86.1	88.7	530	519	101	95	122	161		157			
1932	2,512	2,796(j)	81.7	83.6	485	452	98	83	118	161		156			
1933	2,319	2,323	75.9	76.2	468	431	88	78	108	158		152			
1934	2,235	2,163	74.6	72.4	449		84	74	110	150		141			
1935	2,552	2,087	70.8	68.1	430		81	70	104	138		126			
1936		2,439	69.8	68.5			76	70	101	131		117			
1937			69.7	69.2			73	73	100	129		115			
1937			73.2	72.9			84	78	101	128		114			
October							92	86	99	130		120			
November			76.0	75.8					(b)	137		130			
December			76.6	76.7			96.0	90.2	(g)	(g)		(g)			
1938			77.7	78.0			96.9	91.2	100	138		130			
January							98.2	92.6	99	138		130			
February			77.9	78.2											
March			79.1	79.5			99.1	93.9	100	138		130			
April			79.2	79.8			104	93.8	99	137		129			
May			80.8	81.6			104	92.8	98	137		129			
June			82.6	84.3				93.6		136		128			
July			82.3	83.8			99.7	92.2		137		130			
August							98.8	92.2	100	137		130			
September							98.0	92.3	99	137		129			
October							98.6	91.5	98	136		129			
							98.6	91.6		137		130			

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) New series; June, 1928=100. (d) Since 1927, new series. (e) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other of month. (h) July. (i) 1921=1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years. (k) New index on 1926 base.

EUROPE		NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
Country	Nature of Index	Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Cost of Living	
		31 Towns	31 Towns	49 Towns	49 Towns	100 Localities	100 Localities	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	21 Towns	21 Towns	Tallinn	Tallinn	Riga	Riga	84 Towns	84 Towns
Base	Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1931	1931	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913	1913	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	(j)	(j)					100	100			100	100
1914	1914	300	319	270(h)	287(h)	(k)	(k)										
1920	1920	231	231	190(h)	178(h)	129	153	184	184	1,139	1,058	91(h)	98(h)				
1922	1922	218	217	174(h)	158(h)	133	158	171	171	1,147	1,143	102(h)	115(h)				
1923	1923	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	139	170	176	176	1,170	1,079	94(h)	106(h)				
1924	1924	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	136	168	176	176	1,212	1,093	107	118				
1925	1925	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	161(c)	161(c)	1,147	1,047	107	118				
1926	1926	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	114	127	168	168	1,154(f)	1,058	106	118				
1927	1927	173	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	169	169	158	146	105	112				146
1928	1928	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	168	161	150	112	120				145
1929	1929	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	162	162	160	147	117	126				144
1930	1930	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	150	150	147	127	104	103				142
1931	1931	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	136	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)				117
1932	1932	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	139	131	117	94	80	100	89		102
1933	1933	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	107	106	129	129	131	117	88	77	75	75		85
1934	1934	151	137	156(h)	129(h)	111	114	124	124	128	114	87	77	74	74		
1935	1935	155	137	158(h)	129(h)	112	116	136	136	130	119	88	77	69	69		
1936	1936	166	144	162(h)	134(h)	116	119	137	137	133	118	98	89	70	70		
1937	1937	(i)	158	(b)	138(h)	116	119	137	137	133	118	98	89	69	69		
1938	1938	171	164	165	140	118	123	137	137	133	118	98	89	75	75		
October	October	171	164	165	140	118	123	137	137	133	118	98	89	75	75		
November	November	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.7	139.7	139	112	105	95	88	88		
December	December	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.7	139.7	139	112	105	95	88	88		
1938	1938	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.4	139.4	139	111	106	96	77	77		
January	January	171	163	165	142	(m)	(m)	130.4	130.4	139	111	108	100	70	70		
February	February	172	165	-	-	108	108	130.4	130.4	139	110	110	102	63	63		
March	March	171	164	-	-	-	-	128.4	128.4	138	110	110	103	70	70		
April	April	171	164	165	141	107	109	129.0	129.0	138	110	110	103	69	69		
May	May	171	165	-	-	-	-	131.5	131.5	139	110	110	102	70	70		
June	June	172	166	-	-	-	-	134.1	134.1	139	110	110	104	71	71		
July	July	173	168	166	143	107	107	129.5	129.5	138	110	110	102	70	70		
August	August	172	166	-	-	106	106	128.7	128.7	138	110	110	104	70	70		
September	September	170	163	-	-	-	-	128.7	128.7	138	110	110	102	70	70		
October	October	170	163	-	-	-	-	129.6	129.6	138	109	109	100	89	89		

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (e) Since date of stabilization, gold index: 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (f) Revised from May, 1931. (g) July. (h) Fifteenth of month. (i) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) New series: 1931=100. (e) Now index beginning 1937: 1935=100. (m) New series January, 1938: 1935=100.

COUNTRY		EUROPE		ASIA		AFRICA		AMERICA		PALESTINE		TURKEY		INDIA		DUTCH E. INDIES		INDO-CHINA	
Index of	Base	SPAIN		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE		TURKEY		INDIA		DUTCH E. INDIES		INDO-CHINA	
		Cost of Living Madrid	Foods Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country	Foods Country	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living Towns	Foods Towns	Cost of Living Towns	Foods Towns	Cost of Living Towns	Foods Towns	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Java & Madura	Foods Java & Madura	Cost of Living Saigon	Foods Saigon
Period		1914	1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	Jan. 1913, Jan. 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	January 1922	1914	1914	1914	July/33	June/34	1913	1913	1925	1925
1913		100	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)							1,000	1,000	100(a)	100(a)	100	100		
1914		190	174			237	281(a)	100	178	76.6				190(a)	188(a)	100			
1920		177	188			162	152(a)	179	177					153(a)	148(a)				
1923		184				161	148(a)	131	117	79.4				157(a)	151(a)	160	158		
1924		189	195			165	158(a)	133	120	83.8				157(a)	152(a)	166	166		
1925		187	191			160	158(a)	131	118	82.1				157(a)	155(a)	174	174		
1926		189	196			153	147(a)	131	118	77.4				156(a)	154(a)	160	158		
1927		176	178			152	144	131	117	73.7				147(a)	143(a)	148	148		
1928		181	185			151	146	131	115	69.4				148(a)	145(a)	158	157		
1929		186	194			148	141	128	110	61.4				140(a)	136(a)	152	152		
1930		194	205			138	123	123	105	55.3				108(a)	100(a)	106	102		
1931		187	192			132	112	118	96	56.6				109(a)	102(a)	80	76		
1932		181				125	101	115	99	54.9				103(a)	95(a)		62		
1933		186				127	110	116	104	55.1				97(a)	87(a)		61		
1934						130	115	116	102	53.4				101(a)	93(a)		85		
1935						130	113	116	101	56.4				101(a)	93(a)		76		
1936						129	111	119	103	59.1				106	93(a)		64		
1937						128	111	119	101					(a)	114		60		
1938						128	111	119	101	58.4				(a)	117		68		
September						129	112	120	103	58.2				108	118		72		
October						129	112	121	105	58.5				107	116		73		
November						128	111	123	108	57.7				107	116		74		
December						129	112	123	109					107	116		74		
1938						129	112	123	109	58.2				107	116		74		
January						130	115	123	109	58.2				107	116		74		
February						130	115	123	109	58.2				107	116		74		
March						130	115	123	109	58.2				107	116		74		
April						132	116	123	109	56.4				105	112				
May						132	115	124	109	55.9				104	111				
June						131	113	124	109	56.3				105	112				
July						131	114	123	107	56.7				106	115				
August						131	113	123	106	56.4				105	113				
September						130	113	123	106	56.4				105	113				

(a) July. (b) Middle of month. (c) June. (d) New series beginning 1937; annual indexes 1914-36 on July, 1914 base.

COUNTRY Nature of Index Base	CHINA			JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		SOUTH AMERICA	
	Cost of Living Peiping	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 30 Towns	Foods Groceries 30 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago
Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	1923- 1927	1923- 1927	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913	1928
1913					100 July	100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	70.3	100	100	1928
1914					221	233	98.0	97.2	101.9	116.5	104	107	
1920					218	236	99.1	100.2	98.4	100.5	210	208	
1924					199	217	100.6	102.7	100.4	103.0	187	168	
1925		103.7	100.0	100.0	189	211	99.7	100.4	101.0	102.6	200	179	
1926	102.0	100.0	106.7	92.1	184	202	100.3	98.9	100.1	98.3	201	182	
1927	100.0	101.5	102.5	98.4	181	203	102.6	104.7	100.6	100.4	194	177	
1928	101.6	107.6	107.9	118.8	155	173	97.1	94.6	100.4	101.3	181	161	
1929	106.5	111.8	121.8	107.5	136	151	87.0	83.0	98.1	97.4	177	159	(108)
1930	109.6	92.5	125.9	101.3	137	158	82.8	80.0	90.6	84.4	169	157	119
1931	95.8	85.4	119.1	86.9	146	161	80.3	75.4	83.8	77.5	158	148	115
1932	91.2	72.4	107.2	86.4	149	164	81.8	78.6	79.5	73.2	151	143	103
1933	81.0	69.9	106.2	89.1	152	170	83.1	80.9	80.8	77.4	148	139	115
1934	79.5	79.0	106.6	100.7	159	184	84.8	82.8	83.7	83.5	150	148	147
1935	85.9	99.5	113.3	121.5	174	193	87.1	85.4	86.4	87.0	160	147	149
1936	100.2		131.8		(b)	(b)	(a)	85.4	92.2	95.6	170	157	155
1937					178	197	87.4	86.5	(b)	(b)	(b)	173	171
September					179	200	-	86.8	93.4	97.6	172	(b)	205
October					180	198	-	86.2	93.8	98.5	173	174	224
November					182	201	88.0	86.3	94.5	100.2	173	176	221
December									94.9	101.2	174	177	220
1938													211
January					185	204	-	86.2	94.2	99.1	176	180	
February					190	205	-	86.6	94.3	98.5	175	180	206
March					193	205	88.2	86.8	94.2	98.2	174	179	203
April					198	209	-	87.3	94.6	99.4	174	176	210
May					198	207	-	88.2	94.6	99.7	174	174	215
June					197	205	89.1	89.3	95.1	99.3	175	175	226
July					199	202	-	90.3	94.7	99.3	174	173	218
August					203	209	-	91.3	94.6	98.9	173	172	215
September					204	211	90.2	90.6	95.1	98.5	172	170	
October					208	217			95.0	98.1	172		

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FOURTH QUARTER OF 1938

A slightly firmer tendency was discernible in world wholesale price index levels in the final quarter of 1938. A representative list of nineteen leading commercial countries showed that, compared with September, index levels in December were higher in nine countries, unchanged in four and lower in six. Increases were mostly confined to countries which had experienced some form of currency depreciation over the past year. Recessions, on the other hand, were particularly marked in countries with a surplus of primary products. In certain instances international price levels, for individual commodities, have fallen to such low levels due mainly to these surpluses, that sharp recessions have occurred in the wholesale indexes of nations which were large importers of these primary commodities. To give one instance: The effect of the rapid decline in world wheat prices was directly reflected in United Kingdom wholesale index price levels. A more detailed analysis of changes in index price levels for several important industrial countries follows:

United Kingdom: (1930=100) The Board of Trade wholesale index of 200 commodity prices closed at 98.3 in December, the low for the year and 0.1 per cent below the September figure. Compared with December, 1937, it was down 8.6 per cent. Although most divisions were lower at the close of the year, major price recessions were concentrated in the cereals sub-group.

United States: (1926=100) The Bureau of Labor wholesale index which stood at 70.0 in December was also at a 1938 low level. It had registered a drop of 1.7 per cent since September and 5.8 per cent during the year. All sub-groups recorded declines which were particularly noticeable in the farm products section.

France: (1913=100) Reflecting the effects of currency depreciation the French wholesale index for 126 commodity prices rose to 684 in December, a new peak since 1926. It was 4.9 per cent above September and 8.4 per cent higher than the December, 1937, figure. All groups closed the year substantially higher.

Germany: (1913=100) The extensive system of price control operative in Germany in recent years kept the wholesale index within narrow limits during 1938. The general index closed the year at 106.3 compared with 105.6 in September and 105.5 in December, 1937. With the exception of an advance of 4.3 per cent in the animal products index other groups recorded only minor changes during the year.

Japan: (1913=100) Closing at 192.8 in December, the Japanese wholesale index was at a new high level since December 1925. It was 1.3 per cent above September and 8 per cent higher than a year ago. Except for one or two minor interruptions it has advanced steadily since July, 1934. Price increases in 1938 were most marked in textile goods, followed by industrial chemicals, fuel, building materials and foodstuffs. Governmental price control was established for several commodities, most of which were stable. Prices in this section, which had more than doubled in the preceding two years, dropped sharply in 1938.

Canada: (1926=100) The decline in Canadian wholesale prices dating from July, 1937, was unusually severe in 1938. From 82.7 in December, 1937, the general index level of wholesale prices dropped 11.4 per cent to 73.3 at the close of 1938. Sharp price reductions in the vegetable products group was mainly responsible for this reduction. The important grain sub-group recorded a drop of more than fifty per cent during the year. Other groups also closed at or near the year's low point with the exception of wood and metal products. Somewhat more resistance was offered by prices in the fourth quarter of 1938, the decline in the general index then amounting to only 1.6 per cent.

WORLD RETAIL PRICE MOVEMENTS

FOURTH QUARTER OF 1938

With the exception of two or three countries, notably France, Japan and China, cost of living indexes have shown relatively smaller fluctuations than wholesale series. This was the case both in the final quarter of 1938 and during the year as a whole. On balance, however, retail indexes paralleled the steadier tendency evidenced by wholesale prices in the fourth quarter. Cost of living indexes for eight out of a group of eighteen countries showed increases for December over September while five were unchanged and six declined. Unusually sharp advances were recorded for the French and Japanese series, while the Chinese index for 1938 registered a correspondingly sharp decline. Following is an analysis of cost of living index movements in 1938 for several of the leading commercial countries:

United Kingdom: (July, 1914=100) The cost of living index published by the Ministry of Labour was 156.0 in December, corresponding exactly with the September figure, but 2.5 per cent below the December, 1937, index. Food and clothing sub-groups moved lower during the year while other sections tended higher. In comparison with wholesale prices the decline in the retail series has been small.

United States: (1923=100) The National Industrial Conference Board calculated the December, 1938, cost of living index level for the United States at 85.8. It was then within a fraction of the low point for the year, touched in November, and 0.1 per cent below the September level. A drop of 3.2 per cent was recorded during the year. Declines were general in all sub-groups but most pronounced in the food prices section.

France: (1914=100) A cost of living index for Paris rose to a 1938 peak of 754 in December or 11.5 per cent above December, 1937. The advance of 6.5 per cent recorded in the fourth quarter was unusually sharp, exceeding by a considerable margin the rise in the previous nine months. Sub-group index movements indicated that most of the increase was due to higher prices for foods, fuel and lighting.

Germany: (1913-1914=100) Retail prices have been subjected to the same rigid system of control as wholesale price levels and showed correspondingly narrow movements. In December, 1938, cost of living index was 125.3 compared with 125.2 in September and 124.8 at the close of 1937. All sub-group indexes remained steady throughout the year.

Japan: (July, 1914=100) The Tokyo cost of living index advanced 3.7 per cent in the final quarter of 1938 and 16.2 per cent during the year. It stood at 211.9 in December, the highest level since December, 1925. Between December, 1937 and 1938, sub-group indexes recorded gains varying between 11.4 per cent for food and 32.1 per cent for clothing. It was interesting to note that the advance in retail prices was about three times as great as that for wholesale, due to the sharp rise in uncontrolled commodities.

Canada: (1926=100) Closing the year at 83.5, the Canadian cost of living index declined 0.9 per cent from December, 1937, and 0.6 per cent from September. The food index registered the greatest decrease during the year, dropping 3.7 per cent to close at 102. The rent index was 1.2 per cent higher while changes in other section indexes were negligible proportions. It is of note that an unusual divergence exists at this time between wholesale and retail price index levels. Between December 1937 and 1938 the margin of retail price levels over wholesale widened from 1.9 per cent to 13.9 per cent. These series, as noted above, are computed on the base 1926=100.

NOTE: The number of indexes quoted on the following pages has been reduced in this quarter. Several indexes were removed because current data were not available while in other cases membership of the country supplying the indexes necessitated their removal. A new composite index of 30 industrial materials has been added for Canada and a wholesale price index for Portugal.

AUTHORITY	C A N A D A										U N I T E D S T A T E S		M E X I C O	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics										Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Annalist	Official
	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index	200	784(b)	94 Series	32				
No. of Commodities	567(c)	236(d)	402(d)	245(d)	322(d)	30	200	784(b)	94 Series	32				
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1929				
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	-	-				
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	-	-				
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	(a)	-				
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b)100.0	100.0	-				
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	94.2	96.3	-				
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	99.2	-				
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	96.9	-				
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	84.9	100.0				
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	69.3	103.4				
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	60.6	89.7				
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	63.1	84.3				
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	75.5	89.8				
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0	80.0	83.8	94.7				
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	83.7	80.8	84.1	94.5				
1937	84.5	132.0	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	90.7	86.3	92.4	100.4				
1938										118.9				
January	83.8	130.9	78.7	84.5	82.0	81.6	83.4	80.9	84.2	121.3				
February	83.6	130.6	79.1	83.7	81.1	82.0	82.6	79.8	82.8	124.9				
March	83.1	129.8	79.0	82.5	79.7	82.0	82.2	79.7	82.5	124.5				
April	82.3	128.6	78.5	81.9	79.0	81.3	80.9	78.7	80.7	124.8				
May	80.3	125.4	77.7	78.9	75.8	79.4	80.9	78.1	80.5	127.6				
June	80.1	125.1	77.8	78.5	75.3	79.2	80.9	78.3	80.4	126.7				
July	78.6	122.8	77.8	76.1	72.5	78.4	81.5	78.8	81.2	126.7				
August	76.0	118.7	76.5	71.9	67.5	77.0	80.4	78.1	79.9	126.6				
September	74.5	116.4	76.1	69.0	65.6	75.6	80.6	78.3	80.5	129.7				
October	74.1	115.7	75.3	68.6	65.1	74.8	80.3	77.6	79.7	129.8				
November	73.5	114.8	74.8	68.0	64.6	74.0	80.4	77.5	79.9	-				
December	73.3	114.5	76.0	68.4	64.9	73.6	79.9	77.0	79.6	-				
1939										-				
January	73.2	114.3	74.4	68.1	64.8	73.5	79.8	76.9	79.2	-				
February	73.2	114.3	74.4	68.2	64.9	73.6	79.8	-	79.1	-				

(b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926.

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CONTINENT		S O U T H A M E R I C A			UNITED KINGDOM			E U R O P E		
COUNTRY		ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Générale	Federal Statistical Office
AUTHORITY		Banco de la Nacion	Oficial	Oficial	Trade					
No. of		108	58	200	45	60	45	126	400	
Commodities										
Base Period		1926	1913	1930	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913	
1913		75.5	100	(f) 307.3	100	100	102	100	100	100
1914				158.8	295.3	295.3	100 July	100	100	99 July
1920		98.5	239	158.9	154.1	154.1	520	520	520	1367 July
1922		101.8	190	166.2	151.8	151.8	334	334	334	10059 July
1923		109.5	189	159.1	164.6	164.6	428	428	428	8478700 July
1924		110.9	192	148.1	159.5	159.5	499	499	499	137.3 (a)
1925		100.0	202	141.6	149.6	149.6	561	561	561	141.8
1926		98.1	203	140.3	144.2	144.2	718	718	718	134.4
1927		98.5	203	136.5	141.9	141.9	630	630	630	137.5
1928		96.4	192	87.8	135.3	135.3	634	634	634	140.0
1929		92.2	186	(e) 100.0	114.1	114.1	623	623	623	137.2
1930		89.0	178	85.6	96.5	96.5	543	543	543	124.6
1931		89.5	175	85.7	94.0	94.0	462	462	462	110.9
1932		85.6	170	88.1	93.7	93.7	407	407	407	96.5
1933		98.4	180	89.0	96.4	96.4	388	388	388	93.3
1934		97.0	188	94.4	98.9	98.9	366	366	366	98.4
1935		99.2	189	108.8	103.5	103.5	347	347	347	101.8
1936		112.6	192	107.7	120.6	120.6	405	405	405	104.1
1937			205	107.7	(b)	(b)	563	563	563	105.9
1938			(c)	105.8	113.5	113.5				
January		112.4	204	104.1	110.8	110.8	612	612	612	105.6
February		111.2	205	103.1	110.0	110.0	614	614	614	105.7
March		109.4	204	102.0	107.5	107.5	619	619	619	105.8
April		108.1	204	100.7	107.2	107.2	643	643	643	105.6
May		106.3	203	100.6	107.2	107.2	653	653	653	105.4
June		104.2	203	99.5	104.2	104.2	652	652	652	105.6
July		104.0	204	98.4	104.2	104.2	649	649	649	105.9
August		102.3	206	99.1	104.5	104.5	654	654	654	105.6
September		101.4	205	98.4	102.8	102.8	657	657	657	106.1
October		101.8	207	98.3	104.8	104.8	666	666	666	106.3
November		101.5	208							
December		103.0	207							
1939										
January				97.2	104.4	104.4	676	676	676	106.5

(a) Since 1934, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (e) Since January, 1935, new series, 1930=100
(f) 1920-29, base 1913=100.

COUNTRY	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA	PORTUGAL
AUTHORITY	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Banco de Portugal
No. of Commodities	78	130	48	100	95	160			
Base	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 21/13 June 30/14	1913	1913	1935	23	-
Period	1914	1914	1913						
1913									1927
1914	100 April	100 April	100	100	100	100	100		
1920			109	115					
1924	171.2	573	292	382		359			
1925	160.5	559	156	269	268	162	210		
1926	144.5	744	155	251	253	161	163		
1927	142.2		145	196	198	149	153		
1928	144.6	847	148	160	167	146	150		
1929	141.2	843	149	155	157(e)	148	130		
1930	126.5	851	142	148	149	140	114		
1931	109.7	744	117	138	137	122	117		
1932	96.0	626	97	123	122	111	125		100.0
1933	91.0	532	79	125	122	109	132		(c) 104.2
1934	89.8	501	74	124	122	107	100		(c) 103.8
1935	89.8	473	78	126	124	114	88		(c) 98.3
1936	95.6	537	76	132	127	116	90		(c) 88.5
1937	111.2	605	79	138	134	120	74		89.6
1938	(a)	684	97	161	156	137	57		86.8
January	110.0	(f)			(d)		51		93.8
February	109.4	660	97	162	158	135	56		86.1
March	108.2	657	95	160	157	134	63		89.6
April	108.1	644	93	159	155	132	65		105.5
May	106.9	640	92	159	154	131	(a)		(d)
June	107.1	631	92	158	154	130	66		106.7
July	106.4	629	92	158	153	130	66		105.6
August	105.4	623	90	152	154	130	64		104.3
September	105.5	620	90	151	152	128	65		104.9
October	105.8	622	91	151	151	127	65		104.3
November	106.1	617	91	151	150	128	62		101.8
December	106.1	610	91	150	150	127	62		100.3
1939		607	92	151	150	127	63		100.0
January	105.7	604	91	149	150	127	63		100.9
(a) End of month. (c) July. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month. (g) New series: 1931=100 - annual figures 1925=1934 on 1913 base. (h) New series beginning January, 1938.							110		100.7

COUNTRY	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	AFRICA
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Statistique générale Saigon	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72	43	37	154	56	92	180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
1913	100	100	100		100.0	100.0		100.0	
1914	100(a)	98(a)			95.5	105.6	1053	96.9	216
1920	201	279			259.4	227.9	2092	223.3	143
1924	173	173		97.9	206.4	173.3	1634	128.7	152
1925	159	166	132	99.3	201.6	169.5	1627	127.6	132
1926	148	159	131	100.0	178.8	168.4	1553	123.3	121
1927	148	154	142	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478	124.0	120
1928	145	149	148	101.7	170.8	164.7	1492	120.4	116
1929	141	148	153	104.5	166.1	165.7	1488	116.0	104
1930	116	134	153	114.8	136.8	146.7	1449	99.5	97
1931	96	105	129	126.7	115.6	131.3	1346(e)	91.5	84
1932	91	86	116	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1297	93.1	71
1933	87	71	106	103.8	135.6	129.5	1308	101.7	87
1934	89	67	96	97.1	134.2	135.2	1330	94.8	95
1935	91	65	94	96.4	140.2	135.0	1385	98.6	88
1936	91	67	99	108.5	149.2	141.8	1399	101.0	
1937	102	89	132	129.1	180.0	152.2	1484		
1937	(b)			(b)			(c)		
December 1937	101	86	143	141.4	182.3	145.4	1565		
1938									
January	99	86	143	139.6	185.4	146.7	1533	107.3	88
February	97	85	145	138.4	188.4	147.1	1528		90
March	96	84	148	139.2	190.0	147.3	1522		89
April	94	84	149	142.8	186.5	149.3	1519	104.2	90
May	94	84	152	141.9	188.1	150.8	1514		91
June	94	84	152	145.2	192.2	152.7	1517		92
July	95	83	154	153.0	192.2	158.6	1508	103.1	92
August	94	83	158	164.8	190.3	157.4	1514		91
September	95	81	160	164.9	190.3	154.4	1506		92
October	95	81	158	167.5	190.8	157.6	1512	102.8	95
November	95	81	157	167.5	191.8	156.1	1518		94
December	95	80	154	166.6	192.8	155.2	1547		92
(a) July.	(b) End of month.	(c) Fifteenth of month.	(d) Average for ten months only.	(e) Revised since January, 1931.	(f) Monthly average.				

COUNTRY	CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		EIRE		FRANCE		
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics, Foods	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns Foods	Paris Foods	Paris Cost of Living
	Nature of Index	Foods	Cost of Living		Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	(g) (i)	(g)	100 July
Base Period	1926(c)	1926(c)	1926(c)	1923 (j)	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914			
1913	66.2	65.4	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	136.2	118.2	256	249	190	186	386	371	342
1920	141.1	124.2	99.1	101.3	170	175	193	190	406	380	369
1924	90.7	98.0	107.2	103.7	171	176	179	185	450	425	400
1925	94.7	99.3	110.6	104.3	164	172	170	175	571	554	505
1926	100.0	100.0	107.0	102.0	160	168	169	174	551	556	514
1927	98.1	98.4	105.6	100.6	157	166	169	176	537	549	519
1928	98.6	98.9	106.9	100.1	154	164	160	171	609	102.2(h)	556
1929	101.0	99.9	101.7	96.7	145	158	147	161	609	100.0	581
1930	98.6	99.2	83.7	87.2	131	147	141	157	605	98.8	569
1931	77.3	89.6	69.7	77.9	126	144	131	151	535	87.6	526
1932	64.3	81.4	67.8	74.9	120	140	135	152	501	83.9	520
1933	63.7	77.7	75.3	79.4	122	141	140	155	474	78.0	516
1934	69.4	78.7	82.1	84.8	125	143	147	160	417	69.1	483
1935	70.4	79.1	83.9	88.5	130	147	156	170	452	76.1	507
1936	73.4	80.8	86.9	(f)	139	155	(f)	(f)	571	95.0	619
1937	77.3	83.1	(g)	(f)	(e)	(e)	-	-	-	(f)	(d)
1938	(e)	(e)	82.0	87.5	145	159	159	173	-	105.9	-
January	78.4	84.0	80.1	86.7	142	157	-	-	640	107.9	688
February	77.9	83.9	80.3	86.7	140	156	-	-	-	106.9	-
March	78.6	84.2	81.1	86.8	137	154	156	171	-	106.8	-
April	78.8	84.2	80.8	86.5	139	156	-	-	643	107.2	692
May	77.7	84.1	81.9	86.7	138	155	-	-	-	109.0	-
June	78.1	84.0	81.7	86.5	146	159	159	173	-	107.4	-
July	78.4	84.1	80.1	85.9	141	156	-	-	654	106.0	689
August	80.7	84.8	80.4	85.9	140	156	-	-	-	107.3	-
September	77.6	84.0	79.8	85.8	139	155	-	-	-	110.7	-
October	77.1	83.8	79.5	85.6	140	156	163	176	-	111.4	722
November	76.6	83.7	80.3	85.8	139	156	-	-	690	113.7	-
December	76.2	83.5							-		-
1939											
January	75.2	83.1	79.2	85.4	138	155	-	-	-	117.8	-
February	74.5	82.9	78.4	85.1	138	155	-	-	-		

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2 (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of Month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris, Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.

Nature of Index	NETHERLANDS			FINLAND			ESTONIA			LATVIA			LITHUANIA		
	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84 Towns			
Base Period	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	1914	1914	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913	100(h)	(j)	(j)	100(h)	100(h)					100	100			100	100
1914	319	270(h)	287(h)	270(h)	287(h)										
1920	239	171(h)	155(h)	171(h)	155(h)										
1924	256	176(h)	168(h)	176(h)	168(h)	176	176	1,058	1,093	94(h)	106(h)			136	146
1925	206	172(h)	156(h)	172(h)	156(h)	161(c)	161(c)	1,170	1,212	107	118			151	151
1926	186	169(h)	148(h)	169(h)	148(h)	163	163	1,54(f)	1,54(f)	106	118			141	141
1927	173(a)	173(h)	156(h)	173(h)	156(h)	166	166	158	158	105	112			141	145
1928	166	169(h)	148(h)	169(h)	148(h)	162	162	161	161	112	120			137	144
1929	161	164(h)	138(h)	164(h)	138(h)	150	150	160	160	117	126			123	142
1930	153	158(h)	127(h)	158(h)	127(h)	136	136	147	147	104	103			115	117
1931	149	156(h)	124(h)	156(h)	124(h)	119	119	135	135	100(g)	91(g)	100		105	102
1932	147	153(h)	120(h)	153(h)	120(h)	119	119	134	134	94	80			88	85
1933	148	155(h)	123(h)	155(h)	123(h)	124	124	131	131	88	77			75	
1934	151	156(h)	129(h)	156(h)	129(h)	118	118	128	128	87	76			70	
1935	155	158(h)	134(h)	158(h)	134(h)	120	120	130	130	88	77			61	
1936	166	162(h)	138(h)	162(h)	138(h)	127	127	130	130	98	89	100		62	
1937	(i)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	137	137	105	105	104	96	75		70	
1937	171	165	140	165	140	(b)	(b)	(e)	(e)	(d)	(d)				
October	171	-	-	-	-	139.7	139.7	109	109	105	95	88		69	
November	171	-	-	-	-	139.7	139.7	109	109	106	96	77		69	
December	171	-	-	-	-	139.4	139.4	109	109	108	100	70		70	
1938															
January	163	165	142	165	142	130.4	130.4	108	108	110	102	63		70	
February	165	-	-	-	-	138.1	138.1	108	108	110	103	67		70	
March	164	-	-	-	-	137.9	137.9	107	107	111	103	69		70	
April	164	165	141	165	141	129.0	129.0	107	107	110	102	73		70	
May	165	-	-	-	-	131.5	131.5	106	106	109	100	84		70	
June	166	-	-	-	-	134.1	134.1	106	106	110	102	86		71	
July	168	166	143	166	143	129.5	129.5	106	106	111	104	95		70	
August	172	-	-	-	-	138.7	138.7	108	108	110	102	93		70	
September	170	-	-	-	-	138.4	138.4	108	108	110	102	94		70	
October	163	167	145	167	145	129.6	129.6	109	109	109	100	89		70	
November	170	-	-	-	-	129.8	129.8	110	110	108	99	85		70	
December	162	-	-	-	-	128.3	128.3	110	110	108	98	88		70	
1939	170	162	-	162	-	129.5	129.5	110	110	109	100	81		70	
(a) Since 1928, new series.															
(b) First of month.															
(c) Since March 1926 new series.															

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (e) Since date of stabilization, gold index: 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (f) Revised from May, 1931. (g) July. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) New series: 1931=100. (l) New index beginning 1937: 1935=100. (m) New series January, 1938: 1935=100. (n) New series January, 1938: 1935=100.

Country of Index Base Period	ITALY		SWITZERLAND		YUGOSLAVIA		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE		TURKEY	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
	June, 1928	June, 1928	June, 1914	June, 1914	1926	1926	June, 1914	June, 1914	Jan. 1913/Jan. 1914/ July, 1913/July, 1914	Jan. 1913/Jan. 1914/ July, 1913/July, 1914	1914	1914	1922	January	1914	1914
1913																
1914			100(f)	100(f)			1,000(f)	1,000(f)			100	100			1,000	1,000
1920			224	242					237	281(a)	179	178				
1923			164	165					162	152(a)	131	117				
1924			169	172					161	148(a)	133	120		76.6		
1925			168	169					165	158(a)	133	120		79.4		
1926			162	160					160	158(a)	131	118		83.8		
1927	(d)	(d)	160	158					153	147(a)	131	118		82.1		
1928	100	100	161	157					152	144	131	117		77.4		
1929	101	101	161	156			3,030		151	146	131	117		73.7		
1930	98	95	158	152			2,361		148	141	128	115		69.4		1,555
1931	88	83	150	141			2,243		138	123	123	105		61.4		1,292
1932	84	78	138	126			1,990		132	112	118	96		55.3		1,114
1933	81	74	131	117			1,949		125	101	115	99		56.6		1,030
1934	76	70	129	115			1,968		127	110	116	104		54.9		924
1935	78	73	128	114			1,982		130	115	116	102		55.1		912
1936	84	78	130	120			2,022		130	113	116	101		53.4		892
1937	92	86	137	130			2,511		129	111	119	103		56.4		926
1938			(g)	(g)			(b)							59.1		943
January	99.1	93.9	138	130			2,569		129	112	123	109		58.2		940
February	99.2	93.9	137	130			2,572		130	115	123	109		58.2		942
March	99.3	93.8	137	129			2,575		130	114	123	109		58.4		948
April	98.7	92.8	137	129			2,584		132	116	123	109		56.4		942
May	99.7	93.6	136	128			2,611		132	115	124	109		55.9		925
June	98.8	92.2	137	130					131	113	124	109		56.3		915
July	99.0	92.3	137	129					131	114	123	107		56.7		914
August	98.6	91.5	136	129					131	113	123	106		56.4		898
September	98.6	91.6	137	130					130	113	122	106		57.1		904
October	99.0	92.7	137	130					132	117	122	106		58.1		894
November	99.5	93.1	137	130					132	117	122	105		61.4		919
December	100.0	94.0	137	130					131	115	123	106		58.3		
1939																
January	100.5	94.9	137	129					130	114				58.0		

(a) July. (b) Middle of month. (d) New series; June, 1928=100. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (i) 192-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (k) New index on 1926 base.

Country of Index Base Period	INDIA		CHINA		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		CHILE	
	Cost of Living Bombay July/33 June/34	Foods Bombay July/33 June/34	Cost of Living Shanghai 1926	Foods Shanghai 1926	Cost of Living Tokio July, 1914	Foods Tokio July, 1914	Cost of Living 30 Towns 1923- 1927	Foods and Groceries 30 Towns 1923- 1927	Cost of Living 25 Towns 1926- 1930	Foods 25 Towns 1926- 1930	Cost of Living Lima 1913	Foods Lima 1913	Cost of Living Santiago March 1928	Foods Santiago March 1928
1913					100 July	100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	70.3	100	100		
1914					221	233	98.0	97.2	101.9	116.5	104	107		
1920					218	236	99.1	100.2	98.4	100.5	210	208		
1924					199	217	100.6	102.7	100.4	103.0	187	168		
1925					189	211	99.7	100.4	101.0	102.6	200	179		
1926			100.0	100.0	184	202	100.3	98.9	100.1	98.3	201	182		
1927			106.7	106.7	181	203	102.6	104.7	100.6	100.4	194	177		
1928			102.5	92.1	184	173	97.1	94.6	100.4	101.3	181	161		
1929			107.9	98.4	181	158	82.8	80.0	98.1	97.4	177	159	(108)	(116)
1930			121.8	118.8	155	151	87.0	83.0	90.6	84.4	169	157	109	119
1931			125.9	107.5	136	158	80.3	75.4	90.6	77.5	158	148	108	115
1932			119.1	101.3	137	161	81.8	78.6	83.8	73.2	151	143	104	103
1933			107.2	86.9	146	164	83.1	80.9	79.5	77.4	148	139	(d) 114	115
1934		(e)	106.2	86.4	149	170	84.8	82.8	80.8	77.4	150	148	141	147
1935	100	103	106.6	89.1	152	184	87.1	85.4	83.7	83.5	152	147	144	149
1936	101	107	113.3	100.7	159	193	(a)	86.2	86.4	87.0	160	157	157	155
1937	106	114	131.8	121.5	174	(b)	88.0	86.3	92.2	95.6	170	173	176	171
November	107	116	160.6	157.9	180	198	-	86.2	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	185	205
December	107	116	167.2	157.3	182	201	88.0	86.3	94.5	100.2	173	176	180	220
1938									94.9	101.2	174	177		211
January	107	116	154.6	140.9	185	204	-	86.2	94.2	99.1	176	180	178	206
February	107	115	158.5	144.1	190	205	-	86.6	94.3	98.5	175	179	177	203
March	107	115	150.4	133.4	193	205	88.2	86.8	94.2	98.2	174	176	180	210
April	105	112	148.2	129.9	198	209	-	87.3	94.6	99.4	174	174	183	215
May	104	111	140.9	125.4	198	207	-	88.2	95.1	99.7	175	175	188	226
June	105	112	142.6	129.1	197	205	89.1	89.3	94.7	99.3	174	173	187	218
July	106	115	150.8	142.5	199	202	-	90.3	94.6	98.9	173	172	186	215
August	105	113	157.7	153.2	203	209	-	91.3	95.1	98.5	172	170	185	213
September	105	112	154.4	146.3	204	211	90.2	90.6	95.0	98.1	170	163	187	217
October	105	114	152.9		208	217	-	90.2	95.3	98.8	170	162	188	220
November	106	114	149.4		210	221	-	89.5	95.1	98.5	169	158	188	220
December	104	112	144.6		212	224	90.2	91.4	96.7	102.7	167	155	183	220

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent. (e) New index series beginning January, 1935.

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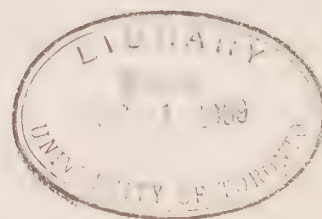
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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 1939

The movement of world wholesale prices during the first and second quarters of 1939 was predominantly upward. Of seventeen countries, index levels showed an increase in eight, no change in three, and a decrease in six. Advances ranged from 0.3 per cent to 5.6 per cent. The most outstanding increase occurred in the Tokyo series for Japan, which rose 5.6 per cent, following a small rise in the last quarter of 1938. The Calcutta index for India, which showed no change in the last quarter of 1938, moved upward by 4.2 per cent in the period under review. Smaller advances were reported for Poland (2.5 per cent), Sweden (2.4 per cent) and Italy (1.8 per cent).

After remaining steady during the closing quarter of 1938, the Denmark index continued firm and showed no change at the end of the second quarter of 1939. The June 1939 index for Canada, 73.3, was at the same level as in December 1938, with no component material group showing any pronounced rise or fall in that period.

Recessions shown were slight, the greatest being 1.6 per cent for the Belgian series. Smaller declines were reported for United States, the United Kingdom and France.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 1939

Advances in cost of living index numbers were almost parallel to those in the wholesale price field, but declines were greater. From a total of seventeen countries, recessions were recorded in seven, increases in nine, and no change in only one (Switzerland). Belgium and Eire showed the greatest declines, cost of living indexes dropping 3.8 per cent and 3 per cent respectively in these countries. The United Kingdom index of living costs published by the Ministry of Labour, which was 156.0 in September 1938, and also in December 1938, fell to 153.0 in June 1939. The decline of 1.9 per cent exceeded considerably that for the wholesale series. The United States index, which began to decline in November 1937, had fallen 84.7 by June 1939. This was the lowest index recorded since the middle of 1936, and indicated a decrease of 1.3 per cent in the first half of 1939. The cost of living index for Canada, which fell less than 1 per cent in the last quarter of 1938, registered a similar decline in the first half of 1939. After a marked divergence in 1938, the difference between retail and wholesale price index levels narrowed slightly from 13.9 per cent to 10.0 per cent between December 1938 and June 1939. Both series are computed on the base 1926=100.

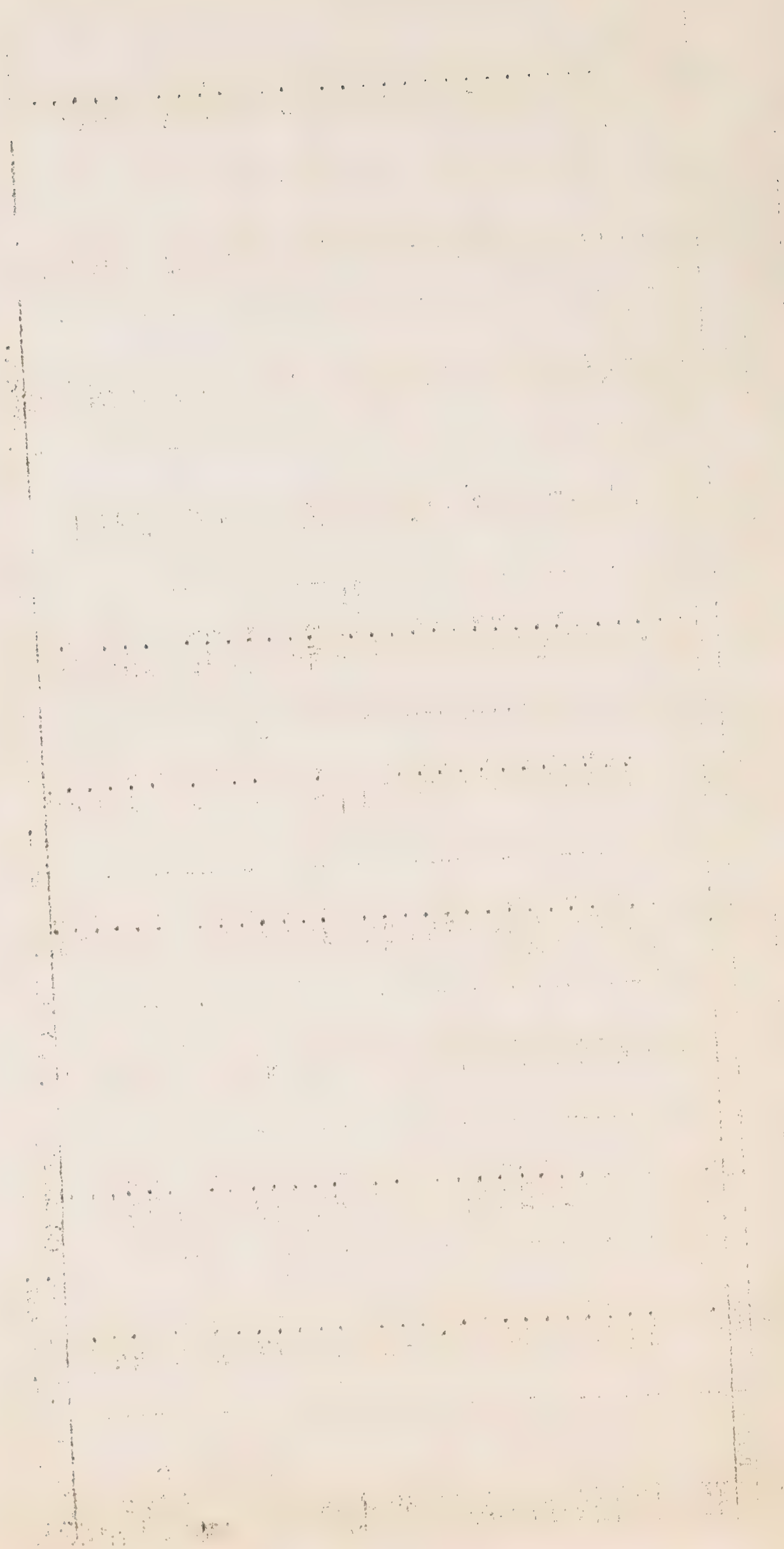
A substantial advance in Italian wholesale prices was exceeded by a pronounced increase of 3.8 per cent in living costs. The Tokyo cost of living index, which stood at 211.9 in December 1938, advanced to 220.5 in June 1939, the highest level in over 13 years. The series for France recorded a small increase of less than 1 per cent.

AUTHORITY	Dominion Bureau of Statistics										Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Annalist	Official	
	General Index		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index	200	784(b)	94 Series					32
	1926	1913													
No. of Commodities	567(c)		236(d)	402(d)	245(d)	322(d)	30								
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926								
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	-		1926	1926	69.8	69.8	-	1929	
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	-				68.1	68.1	-		
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	-				154.4	154.4	-		
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	-				105.2	103.5	-		
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		(b)	100.0	100.0	(b)	-		
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	96.5				94.2	95.4	100.0		
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	92.9				97.9	96.7	96.3		
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8				96.3	95.3	99.2		
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	76.2				86.3	86.4	96.9		
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	59.6				71.4	73.0	84.9		
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	51.3				61.6	64.8	69.3	100.0	
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1				64.6	66.0	60.6	103.4	
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0				76.6	75.0	63.1	89.7	
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4				83.0	80.0	75.5	84.3	
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3				83.7	80.8	83.8	89.8	
1937	84.6	132.1	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3				90.7	86.3	84.1	94.7	
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3				81.2	78.6	92.4	100.4	
1938														119.1	
June	80.1	125.1	77.8	78.5	75.3	79.2	65.5				80.9	78.3	81.0	126.3	
July	78.6	122.8	77.8	76.1	72.5	78.4	66.3				81.5	78.8	80.4	126.7	
August	76.0	118.7	76.5	71.9	67.5	77.0	65.1				80.4	78.1	81.2	126.7	
September	74.5	116.4	76.1	69.0	65.6	75.6	64.1				80.6	78.3	79.9	126.6	
October	74.1	115.7	75.3	68.6	65.1	74.8	64.2				80.3	77.6	80.5	129.7	
November	73.5	114.8	74.8	68.0	64.6	74.0	64.2				80.4	77.5	79.7	129.8	
December	73.3	114.5	76.0	68.4	64.9	73.6	64.0				79.9	77.0	79.9	128.5	
1939													79.6	125.0	
January	73.2	114.3	74.4	68.1	64.8	73.5	64.3				79.8	76.9	79.2	125.3	
February	73.2	114.3	74.4	68.2	64.9	73.6	64.3				79.8	76.9	79.1	124.6	
March	73.2	114.3	74.1	68.1	65.1	73.2	64.7				80.0	76.7	78.9	123.7	
April	73.4	114.7	74.1	68.3	65.5	73.3	64.6				80.0	76.2	77.8	125.0	
May	73.7	115.1	73.9	69.0	66.5	73.2	65.2				79.8	76.2	77.5		
June	73.3	114.5	73.7	68.1	65.0	73.1	65.2				79.8	76.2	77.5		

(b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204,351,232,276 to 236,402,245 and 322 in January, 1934. (e) New series on 1926 base.

COUNTRY		SOUTH AMERICA		CHILE		PERU		UNITED KINGDOM		FRANCE		GERMANY			
AUTHORITY		ARGENTINA		Official		Official		Economist		Statistique Generale		Federal Statistical Office			
No. of Commodities		Banco de la Nacion		1913		1913		58		45		126		400	
Base Period		1926		1913		1913		1927		July, 1914		1913		1913	
1913		75.5		100.0		100		-		102		100		100.0	
1914		-		-		104		-		100 July		-		99 July	
1920		-		-		239		-		520		-		1367 July	
1925		110.9		-		202		112.0		561		-		(a) 141.8	
1926		100.0		-		203		104.0		718		-		134.4	
1927		98.1		-		203		100.0		630		-		137.6	
1928		98.5		192.5		192		98.1		634		695		140.0	
1929		96.4		192.8		186		92.4		623		642		137.2	
1930		92.2		166.9		178		77.6		543		554		124.6	
1931		89.0		152.2		175		64.9		462		502		110.9	
1932		89.5		230.4		170		62.6		407		427		96.5	
1933		85.6		346.0		180		63.1		388		398		93.3	
1934		98.4		343.6		188		65.6		366		376		98.4	
1935		97.0		343.3		189		68.6		347		338		101.8	
1936		99.2		379.6		192		72.8		405		411		104.1	
1937		112.6		454.6		205		82.5		563		581		105.9	
1938		105.5		432.1		205		72.0		640		653		105.7	
1938						(c)		(b)				(b)			
June		104.2		430.4		203		72.0		653		660		105.6	
July		104.0		436.5		204		72.2		652		652		105.6	
August		102.3		438.0		206		70.4		644		649		105.9	
September		101.4		437.9		205		70.2		646		652		105.6	
October		101.8		436.3		207		70.0		654		664		105.9	
November		101.5		431.4		208		69.0		657		674		106.1	
December		103.0		415.9		207		68.6		666		684		106.3	
1939															
January		103.1		404.5		208		68.7		676		689		106.5	
February		102.4		402.1		206		68.9		677		685		106.5	
March		103.2		403.4		206		69.4		681		683		106.6	
April		102.7		-		206		70.2		682		675		106.4	
May		102.7		-		208		70.5		693		684		106.5	
June		-		-		-		69.8		685		683		106.8	
(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (e) Since January, 1935, new series, 1930=100.															
(f) 1920-29, base 1913=100.															

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COUNTRY	EUROPE					NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA		PORTUGAL
	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official		Commerce Department	Official			Official	Banco de Portugal	
AUTHORITY	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour											
No. of Commodities	78	124	48	100	95	160	-	23	-	-	-	-	-
Base Period	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	1913	1913	1935	1927	1927	1927	1927	1927	1927
1913	100.0 July	100 April	100	100	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1914	-	-	109	115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	292	382	-	359	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925	160.5	558	155	251	253	161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	144.5	744	145	196	198	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1927	142.2	847	148	160	167	146	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1928	144.6	843	149	155	157(e)	148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	141.2	851	142	148	149	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1930	126.5	744	117	138	137	122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1931	109.7	626	97	123	122	111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1932	96.0	532	79	125	122	109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1933	91.0	501	74	124	122	107	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1934	89.8	473	78	126	124	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1935	89.8	537	76	132	127	116	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1936	95.6	605	79	138	134	120	100	105	63	89.6	105.5	102.6	101.8
1937	111.2	684	77	161	156	137	105	119	65	86.1	89.6	105.5	102.6
1938	107.1	630	92	161	153	130	112	64	64	93.8	86.8	105.5	102.6
1938	(a)	(f)	92	159	(d)	130	(h)	(a)	(d)	51	89.6	105.5	102.6
June	107.1	629	92	159	153	130	111	62	62	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
July	106.4	623	90	158	154	130	111	62	62	51	89.6	105.5	102.6
August	105.4	620	90	152	152	128	110	62	62	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
September	105.5	622	91	151	151	127	110	62	62	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
October	105.8	617	91	151	150	128	111	63	63	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
November	106.1	610	91	150	150	127	110	63	63	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
December	106.1	607	92	151	150	127	110	63	63	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
1939	105.7	604	91	149	148	127	110	63	63	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
January	105.2	599	91	149	148	127	110	63	63	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
February	105.3	600	91	149	148	127	110	63	63	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
March	105.9	602	92	149	149	128	109	65	65	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
April	107.0	599	92	150	149	129	109	65	65	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
May	106.4	597	-	150	148	130	111	-	-	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	89.6	105.5	102.6
(a) End of month.	(c) June.	(d) Fifteenth of month.	(e) New series beginning 1928.	(f) Second half of month.	(g) New series beginning January, 1938.	(h) New series beginning January, 1938.							

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COUNTRY	INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	Statistique generale Saigon	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	37	154	56		180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1913	July, 1928-June, 1929	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
1913	100(a)	100(a)	100	100	-	100.0	-	-	100.0	-
1914	201	216	279	-	-	95.5	-	1053	96.9	-
1920	159	163	166	-	-	259.4	-	2092	223.3	316
1925	148	149	132	132	99.3	201.6	-	1627	127.6	152
1926	148	147	131	131	100.0	178.8	-	1553	123.3	132
1927	145	146	142	142	104.4	169.8	-	1478	124.0	121
1928	141	145	144	144	101.7	170.8	-	1492	120.7	120
1929	116	126	150	150	104.5	166.1	100.4	1488	115.1	116
1930	96	109	150	150	114.8	136.8	89.8	1449	102.6	104
1931	91	109	128	128	126.7	115.6	85.7	1346(e)	99.5	97
1932	87	98	117	117	112.4(d)	121.7	81.5	1297	91.5	84
1933	89	95	106	106	103.8	135.6	81.1	1308	93.1	71
1934	91	99	96	96	97.1	134.2	81.4	1330	101.7	87
1935	91	96	94	94	96.4	140.2	84.0	1385	94.8	95
1936	102	106	99	99	108.5	149.2	89.2	1399	98.6	85
1937	95	101	132	132	129.1	180.0	91.1	1500	101.0	88
1938	(b)	101	153	153	153.6	189.9		1514	104.4	91
June	94	100	84	152	(c)	192.2	92.5	(c)	-	92
July	95	100	83	154	145.2	192.2	93.8	1517	103.1	92
August	94	100	83	158	153.0	190.3	95.2	1508	-	91
September	95	101	81	160	164.8	190.3	92.9	1513	-	92
October	95	100	81	158	164.9	190.8	91.8	1506	102.8	95
November	95	99	81	157	167.5	191.8	89.3	1512	-	94
December 1939	95	101	80	154	167.5	192.8	88.6	1518	-	92
January	95	100	80	152	166.6	195.7		1547	-	90
February	97	99	81	154	169.4	199.8	90.3	1546	101.8	90
March	96	-	81	154	172.9	200.1	91.2	1540	-	90
April	99	-	81	158	-	201.1	94.7	1548	-	90
May	100	-	-	161	-	203.6	93.2	1548	100.1	89
June	99	-	-	-	-	203.6	89.3	1546	-	85
						203.6	-	-	-	84

(a) July. (b) End of Month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Average of ten months only. (e) Revised since January, 1931.

CANADA			UNITED STATES			UNITED KINGDOM		IRE		EUROPE		FRANCE			
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living 1923 (j)		Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns		Paris		Paris	
	Foods	Cost of Living 1926(c)	1923 (a) (j)	66.1 July	100 July	Food's	Cost of Living 1914	Foods	Cost of Living 1914	(g) (i)	Foods	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living
Base Period 1926(c)	1926(c)	1926(c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (a) (j)
1913	66.2	55.4	66.1 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1914	68.9	66.0	136.2	256	256	256	249	193	190	386	371	371	342	342	342
1920	141.1	124.2	107.2	171	171	171	176	179	185	450	425	425	400	400	400
1925	94.7	99.3	110.6	164	164	164	172	170	175	571	554	554	505	505	505
1926	100.0	100.0	107.0	160	160	160	168	169	174	559	556	556	514	514	514
1927	98.1	98.4	105.6	157	157	157	166	169	176	537	549	549	519	519	519
1928	98.6	98.9	106.9	154	154	154	164	169	176	609	102.2(h)	102.2(h)	556	556	556
1929	101.0	99.9	101.7	145	145	145	158	160	171	609	100.0	100.0	581	581	581
1930	98.6	99.2	83.7	131	131	131	147	147	161	605	98.8	98.8	569	569	569
1931	77.3	89.6	69.7	126	126	126	144	141	157	535	87.6	87.6	526	526	526
1932	64.3	81.4	67.8	120	120	120	140	131	151	501	83.9	83.9	520	520	520
1933	63.7	77.7	75.3	122	122	122	141	135	152	474	78.0	78.0	516	516	516
1934	69.4	78.7	82.1	125	125	125	143	140	155	417	69.1	69.1	483	483	483
1935	70.4	79.1	83.9	130	130	130	147	147	160	571	95.0	95.0	619	619	619
1936	73.4	80.8	86.9	139	139	139	154	156	170	657	109.0	109.0	698	698	698
1937	77.3	83.1	80.7	141	141	141	156	159	173	(f)	(f)	(f)	(d)	(d)	(d)
1938	78.0	84.1	(f)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1938	(e)	(e)	81.9	138	138	138	155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	78.1	84.1	81.7	146	146	146	159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	78.4	84.2	80.1	141	141	141	156	159	173	654	107.4	107.4	689	689	689
August	80.7	84.9	80.4	140	140	140	156	-	-	-	106.0	106.0	-	-	-
September	77.6	84.1	79.8	139	139	139	155	-	-	-	110.7	110.7	-	-	-
October	77.1	83.9	79.5	140	140	140	156	163	176	690	111.4	111.4	722	722	722
November	76.6	83.8	80.3	139	139	139	156	-	-	-	113.7	113.7	-	-	-
December	76.2	83.6	79.2	138	138	138	155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	75.2	83.3	78.4	138	138	138	155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	74.5	83.1	78.0	135	135	135	153	160	174	710	117.8	117.8	-	-	-
February	74.5	83.1	78.2	135	135	135	153	-	-	-	115.7	115.7	-	-	-
March	74.5	83.1	78.2	134	134	134	153	-	-	-	117.0	117.0	-	-	-
April	74.5	83.1	77.9	134	134	134	153	157	172	-	116.3	116.3	-	-	-
May	74.6	83.1	77.9	134	134	134	153	-	-	-	115.6	115.6	-	-	-
June	74.3	82.9	77.9	134	134	134	153	-	-	-	116.2	116.2	-	-	-

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2 (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of Month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris, since 1929, 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.

Return of Index Base	GERMANY	POLAND	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	GREECE	HUNGARY	YUGOSLAVIA
	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Cost of Living 54 Localities	Cost of Living Warsaw	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Cost of Living Towns
Period	1913/1914	1921	1921	1914	1913	1914
1913	-	-	-	100 (m)	100	100
1914	-	-	-	100	-	-
1920	1065 (g)	-	-	1,414	-	100
1925	(a) 139.8	136	137	1,455	108	2,339
1926	141.2	165	171	1,673	102	2,871
1927	147.6	203	208	1,843	111	2,814
1928	151.7	208	207	1,929	117	2,875
1929	154.0	220	218	1,987	117	2,941
1930	147.3	228	209	1,713	105	2,690
1931	135.9	205	176	1,671 (1)	101	2,349
1932	120.6	184	150	1,697	98	2,160
1933	118.5	182	150	1,857	91	2,006
1934	121.7	175	143	1,887	89	1,873
1935	123.0	176	146	1,921	91	1,750
1936	124.5	185	159	2,034	96	1,677
1937	125.1	202	175	2,228	103	1,708
1938	125.6	206	180	2,176	103	1,767
1939	126.0	(k) 207	(k) 180	2,136	(b) 103	1,898
June	126.8	204	175	2,126	(b) 102	(h)
July	126.5	203	175	2,126	102	1,894
August	125.2	206	178	2,162	103	1,953
September	124.9	208	181	2,181	103	1,931
October	125.0	209	184	2,168	103	1,926
November	125.3	208	182	2,161	102	1,928
December	125.8	209	184	2,170	102	1,922
1939	125.8	208	182	2,168	102	1,968
January	125.7	209	184	2,173	101	1,802
February	126.0	206	179	2,159	101	1,816
March	126.1	204	175	2,156	101	1,818
April	125.9	201	171	2,151	101	1,814
May	126.1	199	168	-	101	1,962
June	126.5	200	169	-	102	1,970

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month.

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle of month. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 106 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32, 67 towns; monthly figures, 12 towns. (f) Revised.

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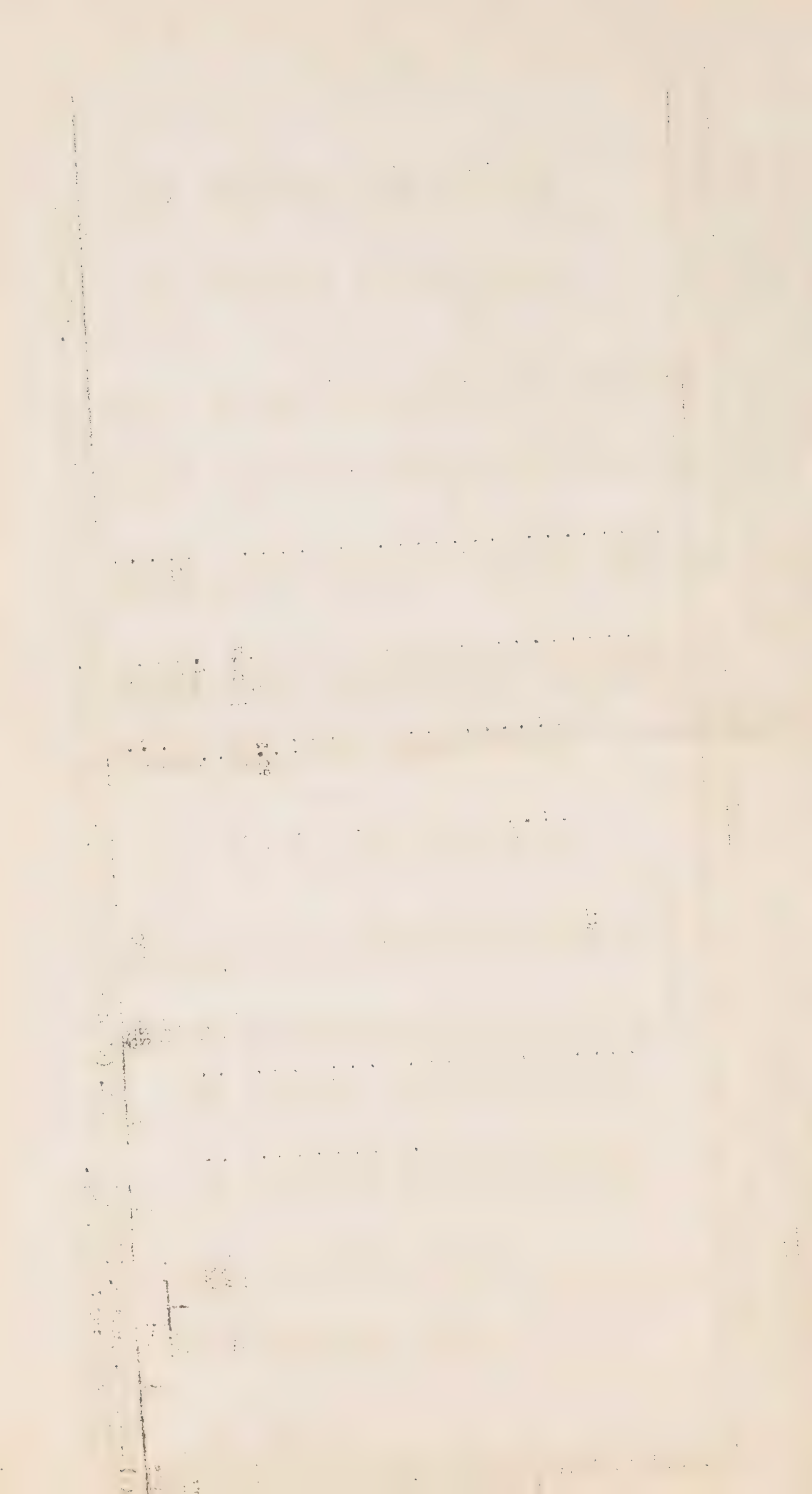
COUNTRY Nature of Index	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
	Cost of Living	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods 100 Localities	Cost of Living	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living	Foods Riga	Cost of Living	Foods 84 Towns
Base	July 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1935 (k)	1935 (k)	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913 (b)	1913 (b)
Period	1913	1914	1914	1914	1935 (k)	1935 (k)	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913 (b)	1913 (b)
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-	100	100
1914	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)	(k)	(k)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	136	168	-	-	1,303	1,303	107	118	-	-	151	150
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	179	176	1,303	1,303	106	118	-	-	141	131
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	114	127	163	161(c)	1,303	1,303	105	112	-	-	141	137
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	169	166	1,303	1,303	112	120	-	-	137	134
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	162	1,303	1,303	117	126	-	-	134	132
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	150	1,303	1,303	104	103	-	-	115	105
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	1,303	1,303	100(g)	91(g)	100	100	105	95
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	141	119	1,303	1,303	94	80	91	89	105	77
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	119	1,303	1,303	88	77	79	75	88	65
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	107	106	140	124	1,303	1,303	87	76	76	74	75	61
1935	151	138	156(h)	129(h)	111	114	136	118	1,303	1,303	88	77	72	69	70	50
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)	112	116	132	120	1,303	1,303	98	89	73	70	61	54
1937	166	158	162(h)	138(h)	116	119	137	127	1,303	1,303	104	96	73	69	62	63
1938	171	164	166(h)	143(h)	107	108	139	130	1,303	1,303	110	101	79	75	70	63
1938	(i)	(i)	-	-	-	-	(d)	(d)	1,303	1,303	(d)	(d)	87	79	70	63
June	172	166	-	-	-	-	140.4	134.1	(e)	(e)	(d)	(d)	93	95	70	63
July	173	168	166	143	-	107	138.7	129.5	106	105	110	102	93	94	70	64
August	172	166	-	-	-	-	138.4	128.7	106	106	111	104	93	94	70	63
September	170	163	-	-	-	-	138.7	129.6	108	109	110	102	90	89	70	63
October	170	163	167	145	-	107	138.7	129.8	108	109	109	100	87	85	70	63
November	170	162	-	-	-	-	138.3	128.3	109	110	108	99	96	88	70	63
December	170	162	-	-	-	-	137.4	128.3	109	110	108	98	90	79	70	63
1939	-	-	-	-	-	-	138.3	129.5	109	110	109	100	86	73	71	64
January	169	161	167	145	107	108	-	-	109	110	111	103	82	66	71	64
February	170	162	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	110	112	104	84	70	71	64
March	170	162	-	-	-	-	138.2	129.9	109	109	111	103	86	73	70	64
April	171	163	168	145	107	108	-	-	109	108	110	102	88	77	70	63
May	171	164	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	108	110	101	89	86	71	64
June	172	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	108	110	101	95	96	70	63

(a) Since 1928, new series. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index: 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) Previous to January, 1938, 1931-100. (e) New index beginning 1937: 1935=100. (b) Cost of living is for family of 5 persons while food is for 1 adult person.

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COUNTRY Nature of Index	INDIA		CHINA		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		OCEANIA		SOUTH AFRICA			
	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago
Base	July/33	July/33	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	July 1928- June 1929	July 1928- June 1929	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928
Period	June/34	June/34												
1913	-	-	-	-	100 July	100 July	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-
1914	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62.8 July	70.3	104	107	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	218	236	-	-	101.9	116.5	210	208	-	-
1925	-	-	-	-	199	217	-	-	100.4	103.0	200	179	-	-
1926	-	-	100.0	100.0	189	211	-	-	101.0	102.6	201	182	-	-
1927	-	-	106.7	106.7	184	202	-	-	100.1	98.3	194	177	-	-
1928	-	-	102.5	92.1	184	202	-	-	100.6	100.4	181	161	-	-
1929	-	-	107.9	98.4	181	203	99.7	100.1	100.4	98.3	194	177	-	-
1930	-	-	121.8	118.8	155	173	86.9	86.9	98.1	101.3	181	161	(108)	(116)
1931	-	-	125.9	107.5	136	151	80.3	80.2	90.6	97.4	177	159	109	119
1932	-	-	119.1	101.3	137	158	79.4	75.3	83.8	84.4	169	157	108	115
1933	-	-	107.2	86.9	146	161	79.4	76.1	79.5	77.5	151	148	107	103
1934	-	-	106.2	86.4	149	164	80.7	78.6	80.8	73.2	148	139	114	115
1935	(e)	(e)	106.6	89.1	152	170	82.3	80.7	83.7	77.4	(c) 150	148	142	147
1936	100	103	113.3	100.7	159	184	84.6	83.4	86.4	83.5	152	147	144	149
1937	106	114	131.8	121.5	174	193	86.8	85.6	92.2	87.0	160	157	157	155
1938	106	113	150.5	137.4	200	210	86.8	85.6	95.6	95.6	170	173	176	171
1938	105	112	142.6	129.1	(b)	(b)	(a)	88.1	99.1	99.1	172	169	184	205
June	106	115	150.8	142.5	197	205	87.6	88.1	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	187	214
July	105	113	157.7	153.2	199	202	-	89.1	94.7	99.2	174	173	187	218
August	105	112	154.4	146.3	203	209	-	90.2	94.6	99.0	173	172	186	215
September	105	114	152.9	139.7	204	211	88.7	89.4	95.1	98.5	172	170	185	213
October	106	114	149.4	133.3	210	217	-	89.0	95.0	98.1	170	163	187	217
November	104	112	144.6	126.0	212	221	-	88.2	95.3	98.8	170	162	188	220
December	105	112	145.7	128.0	211	224	88.7	90.2	96.7	98.5	169	158	188	220
1939	105	112	151.3	132.9	214	223	-	91.3	102.7	102.7	167	155	183	210
January	104	110	-	-	213	223	-	93.9	102.0	102.0	168	156	180	202
February	103	109	-	-	217	220	90.1	93.0	101.8	101.8	168	157	176	193
March	103	110	-	-	221	228	-	93.1	101.0	101.0	168	157	179	200
April	-	-	-	-	221	235	-	91.1	102.7	102.7	167	155	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	221	232	-	91.1	103.9	103.9	168	157	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent. (e) New index series beginning January, 1935.



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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF 1939

The slight upward trend in world wholesale prices, noted during the first half of 1939, continued at a greatly accelerated rate throughout the third and fourth quarters of the year. In most instances the major part of this advance occurred subsequent to the outbreak of European hostilities in September.

Percentage changes in national indexes during 1939 showed considerable variation. In Germany the wholesale index moved within exceptionally narrow limits due to continuation of the strict price control which has been exercised during the past few years. Australia alone, among countries for which indexes were available, showed a decline in 1939, and that was of minor proportions. All June-December index comparisons showed net advances.

In the United Kingdom wholesale prices showed a rise of 23.0 p.c. during the year as indicated by the Board of Trade index which closed at 120.9 compared with 98.3 a year earlier. After the outbreak of war this index rose 23.2 p.c. United Kingdom price advances occurred largely for imported goods whose price rise was heightened by the 5 to 14 p.c. depreciation for sterling in the final quarter in terms of leading foreign currencies. During this same period, increased freight and insurance costs gave added impetus to a rise in all imported goods in those countries within the war area. Canadian wholesale prices pursued a narrowly lower course for the first eight months of 1939 but jumped 12.8 p.c. in the last four to close at 81.7. This amounted to a net gain of 11.5 p.c. on the year. Compared with most other leading industrial countries, the rise in United States wholesale prices over the past year was relatively small. The general wholesale index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed an advance of only 2.0 p.c. during the year, though there was a 5.6 p.c. increase between August and December. The rapid advance in wholesale prices in China, dating from the commencement of Sino-Japanese hostilities in July, 1937, continued through 1939. At the close of the year a Chinese index (for Shanghai) showed a net rise of 123.3 p.c. when compared with the final 1938 figure; 40.3 p.c. of this increase coming between August and December. This was by far the largest advance for any country. Among wholesale price indexes for other countries, sharp rises were noted for India (Calcutta), up 44.2 p.c. during 1939 and 37.0 since August; Belgium, 30.6 p.c. for the year, and 33.5 p.c. since August; and Denmark 30.0 p.c. for the year, and 28.8 p.c. since August.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF 1939

Although cost of living indexes showed considerable increases in certain countries during 1939, especially in the last four months of the year, there was the usual lag when compared with major advances in wholesale prices levels. For a list of countries publishing cost of living series, net advances were recorded for all but one between December 1938 and December 1939. Food prices for almost all of these countries showed gains exceeding those of other family budget groups by a considerable margin.

In the United States the National Industrial Conference Board index on the base 1923=100, declined 0.3 p.c. during 1939 to 85.3 in December. Decreases in rent, clothing and miscellaneous sub-group indexes more than outweighed a narrow rise in food prices. In the United Kingdom a cost of living index published by the Ministry of Labour moved up 10.9 p.c. in 1939 and 11.6 p.c. after August. Foods closed the year 12.9 p.c. above December 1938 levels, while a rise of 14.6 p.c. was recorded after August. A quarterly index for Eire advanced 9.2 p.c. between November 1938 and 1939 while an August-November comparison showed an advance of 12.7 p.c. Led by a 4.1 p.c. increase in food prices there was a 2.3 p.c. increase in the Canadian cost of living index between December 1938 and 1939. The August-December comparison showed a 2.8 p.c. rise in the composite figure which brought the index to 85.3 in December.

Paralleling the huge increase in wholesale prices, the Chinese (Shanghai) cost of living index rose 103.0 p.c. in 1939, 45.5 p.c. of this amount being added after August. In the same interval the food group index for this series rose 136.7 p.c. According to the second largest increase noted, the Japanese index (Tokio series) advanced 13.2 p.c. in 1939, while foods moved up 17.4 p.c.

In Australia the rise in the cost of living series exceeded that for wholesale prices. The Australian cost of living index for six state capitals advanced 2.3 p.c. during the year as compared with a small decline in the wholesale index over a similar period. Between August and December there was an advance of 1.1 p.c. in the Australian retail index. In Germany, continued strict control over retail prices held group indexes exceptionally steady throughout the year, the cost of living index closing only 0.9 p.c. higher at 126.4.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Price Index Numbers, 1939.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>	
	<u>December 1938</u> and <u>December 1939</u>	<u>August 1939</u> and <u>December 1939</u>
United Kingdom	+23.0	+23.2
United States	+ 2.9	+ 5.6
Canada	+11.5	+12.8
Belgium	+30.6	+33.5
Switzerland	+17.9	+16.5
Germany	+ 1.2	+ 0.5
India	+44.2	+37.0
Japan	+17.4	+10.0

Percentage Changes in Cost of Living Index Numbers, 1939.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>	
	<u>December 1938</u> and <u>December 1939</u>	<u>August 1939</u> and <u>December 1939</u>
United Kingdom	+10.9	+11.6
United States	- 0.6	+ 0.9
Canada	+ 2.0	+ 2.8
Belgium	+ 2.4	+ 6.5
Switzerland	+ 3.6	+ 3.6
Germany	+ 0.9	- 0.7
India	+ 8.7	+ 7.6
Japan	+13.2	+ 7.6

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA										UNITED STATES										MEXICO									
	CANADA																													
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics										Bureau of Labor Statistics										Annalist									
AUTHORITY	General Index		Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics		94 Series		Official																	
No. of Commodities	567(c)		236(d)	402(d)	245(d)	322(d)	30	200	784(b)																					
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926		1926		1929																	
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	-	69.8	69.8		-		-																	
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	-	68.1	68.1		-		-																	
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	-	154.4	154.4		(e)		-																	
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	-	105.2	105.2		-		-																	
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b)100.0		100.0		-																	
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	96.5	94.2	95.4		96.3		-																	
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	92.9	97.9	96.7		99.2		-																	
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8	96.3	95.3		96.9		-																	
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	76.2	86.3	86.4		84.9		-																	
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	59.6	71.4	73.0		69.3		-																	
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	51.3	61.6	64.8		60.6		100.0																	
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1	64.6	66.0		63.1		103.4																	
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0	76.6	75.0		75.5		89.7																	
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4	83.0	80.0		83.8		84.3																	
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3	83.7	80.8		84.1		89.8																	
1937	84.6	132.1	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3	90.7	86.3		92.4		94.7																	
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3	81.2	78.6		81.0		94.5																	
1939													100.4																	
January	73.2	114.3	74.4	68.1	64.8	73.5	64.3	79.8	76.9		79.2		125.3																	
February	73.2	114.3	74.4	68.2	64.9	73.6	64.3	79.8	76.9		79.1		124.6																	
March	73.2	114.3	74.1	68.1	65.1	73.2	64.7	80.0	76.7		78.9		123.7																	
April	73.4	114.7	74.1	68.3	65.5	73.3	64.6	80.0	76.2		77.8		125.0																	
May	73.7	115.1	73.9	69.0	66.5	73.2	65.2	79.8	76.2		77.5		126.1																	
June	73.3	114.5	73.7	68.1	65.0	73.1	65.3	79.0	75.6		76.7		126.6																	
July	72.6	113.4	73.4	66.7	63.1	73.0	64.9	78.7	75.4		76.7		127.6																	
August	72.4	113.1	72.8	66.7	62.8	72.8	65.3	78.2	75.0		75.6		129.1																	
September	78.2	122.1	77.2	74.1	70.7	77.5	74.6	82.4	79.1		81.3		130.8																	
October	79.3	123.9	79.4	74.0	71.2	78.8	76.4	83.5	79.4		81.5																			
November	80.3	125.4	81.2	75.2	71.9	80.2	77.0	84.1	79.2		81.6																			
December	81.7	126.7	81.3	77.9	74.2	81.1	78.0	85.6	79.2																					

(b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204,351,232,276 to 236,402,245 and 322 in January, 1934. (e) New series on 1926 base.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES									
COUNTRY	SOUTH AMERICA		EUROPE		UNITED KINGDOM		FRANCE		
	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Générale
COMMODITY	Banco de la Nación			Official	Trade				Générale
No. of Commodities	108		58	58	200	58	45	60	125
Base Period	1926	1913	1913	1913	1930	1927	1913	1913	1913
1913	75.5	100.0	100	-	-	-	100.0	100	100
1914	-	-	104	-	-	-	100.0	-	-
1920	-	-	239	(f) 307.3	-	-	295.3	-	-
1925	110.9	-	202	159.1	-	112.0	159.5	161	(a) 141.8
1926	100.0	-	203	148.1	-	104.0	148.0	148	134.4
1927	98.1	-	203	141.6	-	100.0	144.0	142	137.6
1928	98.5	192.5	192	140.3	-	98.1	141.2	141	140.0
1929	96.4	192.8	186	136.5	-	92.4	135.3	134	137.2
1930	92.2	166.9	178	(e) 100.0	-	77.6	114.1	115	124.6
1931	89.0	152.2	175	87.8	-	64.9	96.5	98	110.9
1932	89.5	230.4	170	85.6	-	62.6	94.0	96	96.5
1933	85.6	346.0	180	85.7	-	63.1	93.7	96	93.3
1934	98.4	343.6	188	88.1	-	65.6	96.4	100	98.4
1935	97.0	343.3	189	89.0	-	68.6	98.9	104	101.8
1936	99.2	379.6	192	94.4	-	72.8	103.5	110	104.1
1937	112.6	454.6	205	108.8	-	82.5	120.6	128	105.9
1938	105.5	432.1	205	101.5	-	72.0	107.5	117	105.7
1939			(c)			(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
January	103.1	404.5	208	97.2	-	68.7	104.4	112	689
February	102.4	402.1	206	96.8	-	68.9	104.2	110	685
March	103.2	403.4	206	96.6	-	69.4	104.7	111	683
April	102.7	409.1	206	97.2	-	70.2	106.5	111	675
May	102.7	413.9	208	97.8	-	70.5	106.6	112	684
June	103.4	416.7	214	98.1	-	69.8	106.6	113	683
July	103.0	418.2	213	98.1	-	69.3	104.4	112	677
August	102.8	414.0	216	98.1	-	70.3	106.4	-	674
September	113.5	423.3	220	105.6	-	76.8	117.3	-	-
October	118.7	446.3	220	110.9	-	83.3	124.5	-	-
November	-	-	-	117.2	-	86.9	132.0	-	-
December	-	-	-	120.9	-	91.7	141.3	-	-

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (e) Since January, 1935, new series, 1930=100.

(f) 1920-29, base 1913=100.

COUNTRY	EUROPE									
	SWITZERLAND		BELGIUM		NETHERLANDS		NORWAY		SWEDEN	
AUTHORITY	Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Bureau of Central Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Official	Official
No. of Commodities	73	124	-	100	35	160	-	23	-	-
Base Period	July 1914	April 1914	1926-30	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	1913	1913	1935	1927	1927	1927
1913	-	-	-	100	100	100	-	-	-	-
1914	100.0 July	100 April	-	115	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	382	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925	160.5	558	-	251	-	359	-	-	-	-
1926	144.5	744	-	196	253	161	-	-	-	-
1927	142.2	847	-	160	198	149	-	-	-	-
1928	144.6	843	-	155	167	146	-	-	-	-
1929	141.2	851	(b)	148	157(e)	148	-	100	100	100.0
1930	126.5	744	99.7	138	149	140	-	104	104	(c) 104.2
1931	109.7	626	89.6	123	137	122	-	100	100	(c) 103.9
1932	96.0	532	76.3	125	122	111	-	88	88	(c) 98.4
1933	91.0	501	64.6	124	122	109	-	90	90	(c) 80.5
1934	89.8	473	62.9	126	122	107	-	74	74	89.6
1935	89.8	537	63.0	132	124	114	-	57	57	86.8
1936	95.6	605	61.5	138	127	116	100	51	51	93.8
1937	111.2	684	63.8	161	134	120	105	56	56	86.1
1938	107.1	630	76.2	161	156	137	119	63	63	89.6
1939	(a)	(f)	71.9	149	153	130	112	65	65	105.5
January	105.7	504	70.2	149	(d)	127	(h)	64	64	102.6
February	105.2	599	69.9	149	148	127	110	(a)	(a)	(d)
March	105.3	500	69.8	149	148	127	110	63	63	99.0
April	105.9	602	69.8	149	148	128	109	62	62	100.0
May	107.0	599	70.0	150	149	129	109	62	62	99.9
June	106.4	597	69.9	150	149	130	111	65	65	101.5
July	106.5	594	70.1	151	148	130	110	66	66	100.6
August	107.4	594	70.5	151	149	131	110	65	65	99.5
September	116.8	702	75.4	163	150	133	111	67	67	99.2
October	120.1	735	80.8	174	153	143	111	72	72	-
November	122.6	762	83.6	184	168	150	127	69	69	-
December	125.1	793	84.7	189	177	153	132	73	73	-
					-	-	138	78	78	-
					-	-	143	-	-	-

(a) End of month. (b) New series beginning January 1939. (c) June (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month.
(h) New series beginning January 1938.

CONTINENT COUNTRY		EUROPE										OTHER COUNTRIES	
AUTHORITY		ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
No. of		Official	Commerce	Official	Official	Official	National	Official	Official	Official	Official	General	Official
Commodities		293	Reports	139	88	61	Bank	60	44	72	548	Bureau of	Statistics
Base		1913	1928	1935	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913- July 1914	1913	1914	1929	July, 1914	1913- 1914
1913	100	-	-	-	100	100.0	-	-	100	-	-	100 July	-
1914	-	-	-	-	109	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925	596	-	-	-	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	603	-	-	-	134	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1927	495	-	-	-	134	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1928	462	(a)	-	-	134	-	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	445	100.0	100.0	-	129	128.6	103.4	-	124	2,947	-	(g)	1262
1930	383	95.4	96.3	-	108	119.9	106.2	1,811	114	3,017	-	979	1296
1931	328	85.4	85.5	-	94	101.9	100.6	1,646	114	3,237	-	924	1316
1932	304	74.5	74.6	-	76	84.8	86.6	1,471	102	3,447	100.0	801	1000
1933	280	69.6	65.5	-	68	85.1	72.9	1,766	91	2,788	86.7	738	859
1934	273	63.4	59.0	-	61	83.7	64.4	1,997	83	2,332	82.4	682	738
1935	318	62.0	55.7	-	53	83.0	63.2	1,969	85	1,821	71.1	658	648
1936	363	68.2	53.0	100	55	86.0	65.9	2,003	85	1,873	71.3	675	672
1937	437	76.4	54.0	103	64	91.0	68.4	2,038	84	1,919	77.5	705	735
1938	469	89.1	59.4	122	64	113.0	74.7	2,281	91	1,991	79.9	706	817
1939	-	95.7	56.0	114	-	113.0	78.3	2,227	101	2,221	86.3	750	849
January	473.4	-	(a)	-	-	-	(a)	-	100	2,151	86.8	742	805
February	474.7	97.1	54.9	113	65.4	114	77.5	2,180	102	(f) (h)	-	(h)	-
March	475.3	97.2	55.0	113	65.3	115	76.6	2,170	102	2,217	85.1	772	836
April	476.0	97.6	55.1	113	65.3	116	76.9	2,168	101	2,171	85.2	782	835
May	479.0	97.9	55.6	113	65.1	116	77.1	2,173	100	2,144	86.0	772	839
June	480.5	96.7	55.6	114	65.1	114	77.3	2,176	100	2,178	86.2	781	843
July	479.7	98.1	56.3	115	64.5	114	77.7	2,155	100	2,172	85.5	794	840
August	483.0	96.2	55.9	116	64.6	115	77.6	2,132	100	2,147	84.9	795	825
September	-	-	-	117	63.6	118	76.8	2,156	100	2,119	85.3	811	802
October	-	-	-	-	65.1	119	76.6	2,226	102	-	86.3	810	805
November	-	-	-	-	-	121	80.1	2,245	104	-	86.5	-	797
	-	-	-	-	-	123	86.8	-	108	-	87.5	-	778

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) New series: June 1928=100. (d) Average of last week of month. (e) Former index now given in paper currency. (f) New series beginning January 1938, on 1914 base. (g) (h)

Authority	INDIA			DUTCH EAST INDIES		INDO-CHINA		CHINA		JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	AFRICA	Department of Statistics of Cairo
	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	Statistique generale Saigon	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank pf Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office						
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	37	154	56		180	188	23					
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1913	July, 1928-June, 1929	1926-30	1883	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914					
1913	-	-	100	100	-	100.0	-	(e)	100.0	-					
1914	100(a)	100(a)	98(a)	-	-	95.5	-	748	96.9	-					
1920	201	216	279	-	-	259.4	-	-	223.3	316					
1925	159	163	166	132	99.3	201.6	-	-	127.6	152					
1926	148	149	159	131	100.0	178.8	-	-	123.3	132					
1927	148	147	154	142	104.4	169.8	-	-	124.0	121					
1928	145	146	149	144	101.7	170.8	-	-	120.7	120					
1929	141	145	148	150	104.5	166.1	100.4	994	115.1	116					
1930	116	126	134	150	114.8	136.8	89.8	963	102.6	104					
1931	96	109	105	128	126.7	115.6	85.7	902	99.5	97					
1932	91	109	86	117	112.4(d)	121.7	81.5	878	91.5	84					
1933	87	98	71	106	103.8	135.6	81.1	904	93.1	71					
1934	89	95	67	96	97.1	134.2	81.4	909	101.7	87					
1935	91	99	65	94	96.4	140.2	84.0	937	94.8	95					
1936	91	96	67	99	108.5	149.2	89.2	946	98.6	85					
1937	102	106	89	132	129.1	180.0	91.1	1021	101.0	88					
1938	95	101	83	153	153.6	189.9	-	1036	104.4	91					
1939	(b)	101	83	153	(c)	-	-	(c)	-	-					
January	96	100	80	152	169.4	195.7	90.3	1047	101.8	90					
February	98	99	81	154	172.9	199.8	91.2	1049	-	90					
March	97	99	81	154	179.8	200.1	94.7	1050	-	90					
April	100	100	81	158	181.0	201.1	93.2	1056	100.1	90					
May	101	101	81	160	184.0	203.6	89.3	1057	-	89					
June	101	101	81	158	199.3	203.6	89.3	1058	-	85					
July	100	100	81	157	204.3	204.3	88.8	1065	-	84					
August	100	103	81	154	264.0	205.7	88.3	1084	99.8	83					
September	114	120	85	157	318.0	217.5	90.3	1077	-	83					
October	118	-	90	168	332.3	221.4	92.7	1090	-	88					
November	131	-	-	178	-	226.3	-	-	104.2	90					
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106.0	90					
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(a) July. (b) End of Month. (c) Fifteenth of Month.

(a) July. (b) End of Month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Average of ten months only. (e) New series beginning January, 1939.

Nature of Index	CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		EIRE		FRANCE	
	DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS		National		Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns	
	Foods	Cost of Living	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Foods	Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living
Base Period: 1926(c)	1926(c)	1926(c)	1923 (a) (i)	1923 (j)	July, 1914	1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913	66.2	65.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1914	68.9	66.0	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1920	141.1	124.2	136.2	118.2	256	249	-	-	371	342
1925	94.7	99.3	107.2	103.7	171	176	193	190	425	400
1926	100.0	100.0	110.6	104.3	164	172	179	185	554	505
1927	98.1	98.4	107.0	102.0	160	168	170	175	556	514
1928	98.6	98.9	105.6	100.6	157	166	169	174	549	519
1929	101.0	99.9	106.9	100.1	154	164	169	176	102.2(h)	556
1930	98.6	99.2	101.7	96.7	145	158	160	171	100.0	581
1931	77.3	89.6	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	161	98.8	569
1932	64.3	81.4	69.7	77.9	126	144	141	157	87.6	526
1933	63.7	77.7	67.8	74.9	120	140	131	151	83.9	520
1934	69.4	78.7	75.3	79.4	122	141	135	152	78.0	516
1935	70.4	79.1	82.1	82.6	125	143	140	155	69.1	483
1936	73.4	80.8	83.9	84.9	130	147	147	160	76.1	507
1937	77.3	83.1	86.9	88.5	139	154	156	170	95.0	619
1938	78.0	84.1	80.7	86.4	141	156	159	173	108.3	698
1939	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(d)
January	75.2	83.3	79.2	85.4	138	155	-	-	117.8	-
February	74.5	83.1	78.4	85.1	138	155	160	174	115.7	722
March	74.5	83.1	78.0	84.9	135	153	-	-	117.0	-
April	74.5	83.1	78.2	85.0	135	153	-	-	116.3	-
May	74.6	83.1	78.1	84.8	134	153	157	172	115.6	-
June	74.3	82.9	77.9	84.7	134	153	-	-	115.2	-
July	75.1	83.1	78.1	84.9	139	156	-	-	115.6	-
August	74.9	83.0	76.7	84.5	137	155	158	173	-	-
September	74.2	82.9	80.7	85.9	138	155	-	-	-	-
October	79.8	84.7	79.7	85.6	150	165	-	-	-	-
November	80.5	85.6	79.6	85.7	154	169	178	192	-	-
December	79.3	85.5	78.5	85.3	157	173	-	-	-	-

(a) Original base, 1913-100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of Month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris, since 1929, 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.

COUNTRY of Index	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA	
	Cost of Living 72 Towns		Cost of Living 59 Localities		Cost of Living Warsaw		Cost of Living Prague		Cost of Living 44 Towns		Cost of Living Budapest		Cost of Living 12 (67) Towns	
	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	(c) (f)	July, 1914	(d) (g)	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914
Base	-	-	-	-	-	(c) (f)	July, 1914	(d) (g)	(m)	-	100	100	-	100
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1914	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925	(a) 139.8	(a) 147.8	136	137	-	-	724	827	1,414	1,455	108	128	2,339	3,024
1926	141.2	144.4	165	171	-	-	716	800	1,633	1,673	102	113	2,871	2,813
1927	147.6	151.9	203	208	-	-	747	850	1,790	1,843	111	125	2,814	2,751
1928	151.7	152.3	208	207	-	-	748	842	1,868	1,929	117	128	2,875	2,883
1929	154.0	154.5	220	218	100.0	100.0	744	813	1,923	1,987	117	124	2,941	2,992
1930	147.3	142.9	228	209	92.1	83.7	746	782	1,682	1,719	106	105	2,941	2,992
1931	135.9	127.6	205	176	82.8	73.9	713	712	1,671(l)	1,576(l)	101	96	2,690	2,439
1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	74.8	64.9	700	677	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,349	1,913
1933	118.5	109.9	182	150	67.5	58.0	693	657	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,160	1,765
1934	121.7	116.2	175	143	62.6	52.3	685	633	1,937	1,887	89	77	2,006	1,680
1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	60.0	49.9	704	637	1,957	1,921	91	81	1,873	1,676
1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	58.0	48.5	710	671	2,028	2,034	96	87	1,750	1,643
1937	125.1	122.3	202	176	62.0	53.9	720	668	2,185	2,228	103	94	1,677	1,660
1938	125.6	122.1	206	180	60.9	52.1	752	689	2,173	2,176	103	95	1,767	1,761
1939	-	-	(k)	(k)	(b)	(b)	(e)	(e)	-	-	(b)	(b)	(h)	1,898
January	125.8	122.0	209	184	60.6	51.8	798	719	2,173	2,170	101	92	1,805	1,968
February	125.7	121.9	206	179	60.5	51.7	798	720	2,161	2,159	101	91	1,816	1,983
March	126.0	122.5	204	175	60.7	51.9	795	715	2,158	2,156	101	91	1,818	1,979
April	125.9	122.2	201	171	60.9	52.3	805	729	2,158	2,156	101	92	1,814	1,962
May	126.1	122.6	199	168	61.0	52.3	811	743	2,155	2,151	101	92	1,818	1,970
June	126.5	123.6	200	169	60.9	52.3	824	766	2,150	2,143	102	93	1,817	1,960
July	127.3	124.9	201	171	62.6	54.8	815	-	2,136	2,119	101	92	1,819	1,949
August	127.3	124.9	200	169	-	-	-	-	2,137	2,120	102	94	1,801	1,894
September	125.7	121.7	200	169	-	-	-	-	2,163	2,145	102	94	1,806	1,897
October	125.8	121.7	207	177	-	-	-	-	2,197	2,197	102	94	1,816	1,911
November	126.1	122.2	211	182	-	-	-	-	-	-	102	94	1,821	1,925
December	126.4	122.8	213	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	102	94	-	-

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index.
(e) Middle of month. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 106 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent, (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32, 67 towns; monthly figures, 12 towns. (f) Revised.

COUNTRY of Index Base Period	NORWAY			SWEDEN			DENMARK			NETHERLANDS			FINLAND			ESTONIA			LATVIA			LITHUANIA		
	Cost of Living	Foods 31 Towns	July, 1914	Cost of Living	Foods 49 Towns	July, 1914	Cost of Living	100 Localities 1935	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living	21 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living	Foods Riga	Cost of Living	Foods 84 Towns	1913 (b)	1913 (b)	1913 (b)	1913 (b)			
1913	-	-	-	(j)	(j)	(j)	-	(k)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
1914	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	-	(k)	-	-	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-			
1920	300	319	319	270(h)	287(h)	287(h)	-	(k)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
1925	243	256	256	176(h)	168(h)	168(h)	-	136	179	176	176	-	1,058	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
1926	206	197	197	172(h)	156(h)	156(h)	-	119	168(c)	161(c)	161(c)	-	1,147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
1927	186	173	173	169(h)	148(h)	148(h)	-	114	168	163	163	-	145(f)	107	118	118	-	-	-	-	-			
1928	173(a)	168(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	156(h)	-	113	169	166	166	-	146	105	112	112	-	-	-	-	-			
1929	166	158	158	169(h)	148(h)	148(h)	-	112	168	162	162	-	150	112	120	120	-	-	-	-	-			
1930	161	152	152	164(h)	138(h)	138(h)	-	106	161	150	150	-	147	117	126	126	-	-	-	-	-			
1931	153	139	139	158(h)	127(h)	127(h)	-	100	151	136	136	-	127	104	103	103	-	-	-	-	-			
1932	149	134	134	156(h)	124(h)	124(h)	-	100	141	119	119	-	113	100(g)	91(g)	91(g)	100	100	115	105	105			
1933	147	131	131	153(h)	120(h)	120(h)	-	104	139	119	119	-	117	94	80	80	91	89	105	95	95			
1934	148	132	132	155(h)	123(h)	123(h)	-	107	140	124	124	-	117	88	77	77	79	75	88	77	77			
1935	151	138	138	156(h)	129(h)	129(h)	-	111	136	118	118	-	114	87	76	76	76	74	75	65	65			
1936	155	144	144	158(h)	134(h)	134(h)	-	112	132	120	120	-	119	88	77	77	73	69	70	61	61			
1937	166	158	158	162(h)	138(h)	138(h)	-	116	137	127	127	-	118	98	89	89	73	69	62	54	54			
1938	171	164	164	166(h)	143(h)	143(h)	-	107	139	130	130	-	107	104	96	96	79	75	70	63	63			
1939	(i)	(i)	(i)	167	145	145	-	107	(d)	(d)	(d)	-	108	110	101	101	87	79	70	63	63			
January	169	161	161	167	145	145	-	107	(e)	(e)	(e)	-	108	(d)	(d)	(d)	82	66	71	64	64			
February	170	162	162	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	111	103	103	84	70	71	64	64			
March	170	162	162	-	-	-	-	-	138.2	-	-	-	110	112	104	104	86	73	70	64	64			
April	171	163	163	168	145	145	-	107	-	129.9	129.9	-	109	111	103	103	88	77	70	63	63			
May	171	164	164	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	110	102	102	89	86	71	64	64			
June	172	165	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	110	101	101	95	70	70	63	63			
July	173	166	166	169	147	147	-	107	136.0	124.3	124.3	-	108	110	102	102	96	70	70	63	63			
August	172	165	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	112	105	105	92	90	69	61	61			
September	173	167	167	-	-	-	-	-	136.5	124.4	124.4	-	110	110	102	102	91	89	71	-	-			
October	176	171	171	-	-	-	-	-	139.1	128.2	128.2	-	113	112	103	103	98	91	71	-	-			
November	179	177	177	171	150	150	-	111	-	-	-	-	-	113	104	104	-	91	89	-	-			
December	183	179	179	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	105	105	-	98	91	-	-			

(a) Since 1928, new series. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index: 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) Previous to January, 1938, 1931=100. (e) New index beginning 1937: 1935=100. (b) Cost of Living is for family of 5 persons while food is for 1 adult.

CONTINENT		INDIA		CHINA		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		OCEANIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		SOUTH AMERICA	
COUNTRY	Nature of Index	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago
Base Period	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	July 1928 June 1929	July 1928 June 1929	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928
1913	-	-	-	-	-	100 July	100 July	-	-	-	-	62.8 July	70.3	100	100	-	-
1914	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101.9	116.5	104	107	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	218	236	-	-	-	-	100.4	103.0	210	208	-	-
1925	-	-	-	-	-	199	217	-	-	-	-	100.4	102.6	200	179	-	-
1926	-	-	-	100.0	106.7	189	211	-	-	-	-	101.0	98.3	201	182	-	-
1927	-	-	-	102.5	92.1	184	202	-	-	-	-	100.1	100.4	194	177	-	-
1928	-	-	-	107.9	98.4	181	203	99.7	100.1	100.6	100.4	100.4	101.3	181	161	-	-
1929	-	-	-	121.8	118.8	155	173	86.9	86.9	98.1	97.4	98.1	97.4	177	159	(108)	(116)
1930	-	-	-	125.9	107.5	136	151	83.0	80.2	90.6	84.4	90.6	84.4	169	157	109	119
1931	-	-	-	119.1	101.3	137	158	79.4	75.3	83.8	77.5	83.8	77.5	158	148	108	115
1932	-	-	-	107.2	86.9	146	161	79.4	76.1	79.5	73.2	79.5	73.2	151	143	107	103
1933	-	-	-	106.2	86.4	149	164	80.7	78.6	80.8	77.4	80.8	77.4	148	139	114	115
1934	-	-	-	106.6	89.1	152	170	82.3	80.7	83.7	83.5	83.7	83.5	(c) 150	148	(d) 141	147
1935	100	103	(e)	113.3	100.7	159	184	84.6	83.4	86.4	87.0	86.4	87.0	152	147	142	149
1936	101	107	107	131.8	121.5	174	193	86.8	85.6	92.2	95.6	86.4	87.0	160	157	157	155
1937	106	114	114	150.5	137.4	200	210	-	-	95.1	99.1	92.2	95.6	170	173	176	171
1938	106	113	113	-	-	211	223	(a)	91.3	(b)	(b)	95.1	99.1	172	169	184	205
1939	-	-	-	-	-	(b)	(b)	-	-	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	-	214
January	105	112	112	145.7	128.0	211	223	-	91.3	96.6	102.0	96.6	102.0	168	156	180	202
February	104	110	110	151.3	132.9	214	223	-	93.9	96.9	101.8	96.9	101.8	168	157	176	193
March	103	109	109	-	-	213	220	90.1	93.0	96.6	101.0	96.6	101.0	168	157	179	200
April	103	110	110	-	-	217	228	-	93.1	97.2	102.7	97.2	102.7	167	155	185	209
May	103	110	110	-	-	221	235	-	91.1	98.3	103.9	98.3	103.9	168	157	188	210
June	104	112	112	-	-	221	232	89.9	90.8	98.3	104.0	98.3	104.0	169	159	187	210
July	105	114	114	-	-	221	232	-	91.2	98.7	105.1	98.7	105.1	171	161	187	208
August	105	112	112	-	-	223	235	-	91.0	99.5	106.0	99.5	106.0	171	161	186	206
September	106	114	114	-	-	232	251	89.8	91.4	99.5	106.0	99.5	106.0	172	162	188	210
October	-	-	-	-	-	235	255	-	92.8	99.7	106.6	99.7	106.6	172	161	193	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	236	256	-	-	102.4	112.6	102.4	112.6	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	240	263	-	-	101.7	110.5	101.7	110.5	-	-	-	-
(a) Average of quarter.		(b) Middle of month.		(c) Since October, 1933, including heating.		(d) Revised index, including rent.		(e) New index series beginning January, 1935.									

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FIRST HALF OF 1940

The sharp advance in national wholesale price index numbers following the outbreak of war in September, 1939, was not generally maintained during the first half of 1940. For some series actual declines were indicated while in others the percentage rise was on a more moderate scale.

The Swiss index with a net rise of 10.9 p.c. to 138.7 showed the sharpest increase noted in the first half of 1940. In the same interval the Board of Trade index for the United Kingdom advanced 10.1 p.c. to 134.6, its highest level since the index was inaugurated in 1930. August 1939-June 1940 comparisons for these two series showed a net increase of 29.1 p.c. for the former index and 37.2 p.c. for the latter, indicating that in both cases the advance during the first half of 1940 was approximately one-half that of the preceding six months.

Due largely to sharp declines in grain prices and several other important primary commodities both the United States and Canadian wholesale indexes registered small net losses during the first six months of the year. For the former the recession amounted to 2.1 p.c., bringing the index to 77.5 in June while for the latter an index decline of 0.1 p.c. to 81.6 occurred. Since August 1939 wholesale prices in the United States have increased 3.3 p.c. while in Canada the net increase totalled 12.7 p.c.

In the Far East, the Calcutta index for India showed a sharp decline, dropping 14.6 p.c. to 117 between December and June, although still maintaining a net advance of 17.0 p.c. since August 1939. The New Zealand official index was one of the exceptions which recorded a slightly greater rise in the first half of 1940 than in the latter half of 1939. From August to June it advanced 1.6 p.c. to 1177, with only 2.9 p.c. of this gain accumulated in the second half of 1939. A decline of 0.7 p.c. to 235.6 was noted for the Japanese series between December, 1939, and June, 1940, although the June level remained 14.5 p.c. above that for August, 1939.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
FIRST HALF OF 1940

The diversity of trend in national wholesale price index numbers was not shared by corresponding cost of living index series. In the latter group, percentage increases were shown for all countries noted, and unlike wholesale prices these advances were generally proceeding at approximately the same rate as in the second half of 1939. However, this was not exceptional, since in the preceding six months retail prices had shown the usual lag when compared with wholesale price gains. Advances at that time, in the majority of instances, were less than one-half those shown for wholesale indexes. In most cases food prices accounted for a major portion of increases during this interval.

Indicating the sharpest advance during the period under review, the Japanese cost of living index gained 9.6 p.c. to 263 which compared with an increase of 17.9 p.c. since August 1939. The Swiss cost of living index advanced 5.6 p.c. to 150 between December and June as compared with a 9.5 p.c. advance since August. In the United Kingdom control measures over retail prices coupled with subsidization of certain important foodstuffs, notably bread and meat, held the cost of living index down to an increase of 4.6 p.c. between December and June. The mid-year level of 181 was 16.8 p.c. over August 1939. Cost of living increases in the United States and Canada were relatively small during the period under review, amounting to 1.3 p.c. for the former and 0.8 p.c. for the latter. June levels of 86.4 for the United States and 86.0 for Canada were 2.2 p.c. and 3.6 p.c. respectively, above August 1939. For New Zealand the national cost of living index level rose 0.7 p.c. to 102.6 during the first half of 1940 as against a 1 p.c. increase since August 1939.

Changes in Wholesale Price Index Numbers, 1939-1940.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>	
	<u>December 1939 and June 1940</u>	<u>August 1939 and June 1940</u>
United Kingdom	+10.1	+37.2
United States	- 2.1	+ 3.3
Canada	- 0.1	+12.7
Argentina	+ 2.0	+20.7
Switzerland	+10.9	+29.1
New Zealand	+ 5.6	+ 8.6
India	-14.6	+17.0
Japan	- 0.7	+14.5

Changes in Cost of Living Index Numbers, 1939-1940.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>	
	<u>December 1939 and June 1940</u>	<u>August 1939 and June 1940</u>
United Kingdom	+ 4.6	+16.8
United States	+ 1.3	+ 2.2
Canada	+ 0.8	+ 3.6
Switzerland	+ 5.6	+ 9.5
New Zealand	+ 0.7	+ 3.1
Japan	+ 9.6	+17.9

2010-2011

1918-1919

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Figure 10. The effect of the initial concentration of the monomer on the polymerization rate.

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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA, AND OTHER COUNTRIES																					
CONTINENT COUNTRY		NORTH AMERICA					UNITED STATES			MEXICO											
		CANADA																			
		Dominion Bureau of Statistics																			
AUTHORITY		General Index		Pro- ducers' Goods		Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods		Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods		Industrial Material Prices Composite Index		Irving Fisher		Bureau of Labor Statist- tics		Annalist		Official			
No. of Commodities		567(c)		236(d)		402(d)		245(d)		322(d)		30		200		784(b)		94 Series		32	
Base Period		1926		1926		1926		1926		1926		1926		1926		1926		1926		1929	
1913		64.0		61.9		67.4		63.8		64.8		-		69.8		69.8		-		-	
1920		155.9		140.0		163.1		155.7		156.8		-		154.4		154.4		-		-	
1926		100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0		-		-	
1928		96.4		95.6		96.7		97.4		95.0		92.9		97.9		96.7		-		-	
1929		95.6		94.7		96.3		97.5		93.0		91.8		96.3		95.3		-		-	
1930		86.6		89.3		82.8		82.2		87.3		76.2		86.3		86.4		-		-	
1931		72.1		76.5		67.8		61.9		74.9		59.6		71.4		73.0		-		-	
1932		66.7		71.3		63.1		55.0		69.8		51.3		61.6		64.8		-		-	
1933		67.1		71.1		63.1		56.6		70.2		54.1		64.6		66.0		-		-	
1934		71.6		74.1		67.8		63.5		73.4		60.0		76.6		75.0		-		-	
1935		72.1		73.6		69.5		66.0		72.8		62.4		83.0		80.0		-		-	
1936		74.6		74.7		72.4		70.8		73.6		67.3		83.7		80.8		-		-	
1937		84.6		79.5		86.1		84.3		80.5		80.3		90.7		86.3		-		-	
1938		78.6		77.2		75.8		72.9		78.2		66.3		81.2		78.6		-		-	
1939		75.4		75.8		70.4		67.4		75.3		68.7		80.9		77.1		-		-	
1939																					
June		73.3		73.7		68.1		65.0		73.1		65.3		79.0		75.6		-		-	
July		72.6		73.4		66.7		63.1		73.0		64.9		78.7		75.4		-		-	
August		72.4		72.8		66.7		62.8		72.8		65.3		78.2		75.0		-		-	
September		78.2		77.2		74.1		70.7		77.5		74.6		82.4		79.1		-		-	
October		79.3		79.4		74.0		71.2		78.8		76.4		83.5		79.4		-		-	
November		80.3		81.2		75.2		71.9		80.2		77.0		84.1		79.2		-		-	
December		81.7		81.3		77.9		74.2		81.1		78.0		85.6		79.2		-		-	
1940																					
January		82.6		82.3		79.0		75.3		81.7		80.1		85.8		79.4		-		-	
February		82.8		82.7		79.1		75.9		81.8		79.5		84.6		78.7		-		-	
March		83.2		83.0		80.0		76.4		82.0		70.7		84.2		78.4		-		-	
April		83.1		82.4		80.4		76.8		81.7		79.4		84.4		78.6		-		-	
May		82.1		82.0		78.9		75.3		80.6		78.6		83.8		78.4		-		-	
June		81.6		82.3		77.3		74.0		80.1		77.9		82.5		77.5		-		-	
(b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204,351,232,276 to 236,402,245 and 322 in January, 1934. (e) New series on 1926 base.																					

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COUNTRY	EUROPE			NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		ALB. N.L.		PORTUGAL	
	Switzerland	Belgium	Netherlands	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Official	Official	Official	Banco de Portugal	
No. of Commodities	78	124	-	100	95	160	-	-	23	-	-	-	-
Base	July 1914	April 1914	1926-30	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	1913	1913	1913	1935	1927	1927	1927	1927	1927
1913	-	-	-	100	100	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	382	-	359	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	144.5	74.4	-	196	198	149	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1928	144.6	843	(b)	155	157(e)	148	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	141.2	851	99.7	148	149	140	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1930	126.5	744	89.6	138	137	122	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1931	109.7	626	76.3	123	122	111	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1932	96.0	532	64.6	125	122	109	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1933	91.0	501	62.9	124	122	107	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1934	89.8	473	63.0	126	124	114	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1935	89.8	537	61.5	132	127	116	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1936	95.6	588	63.8	138	134	120	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1937	111.2	684	76.2	161	156	137	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1938	107.1	630	71.9	161	153	130	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	111.2	649	73.7	159	153	130	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	(a)	(f)	70.0	150	(d)	129	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	107.0	599	69.9	150	149	130	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	106.4	597	70.1	150	148	131	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	106.5	594	70.5	151	149	133	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	107.4	594	75.4	151	150	143	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	116.8	706	80.8	163	153	150	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	120.1	735	83.6	174	168	150	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	122.6	762	84.7	184	177	153	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	125.1	793	86.2	189	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
1940	127.7	822	87.6	190	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	129.7	840	88.1	197	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	132.1	840	88.1	208	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	134.2	840	88.1	208	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	134.9	840	88.1	208	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	134.9	840	88.1	208	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) End of month. (b) New series beginning January 1939. (c) June (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month. (h) New series beginning January 1938.

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EUROPE

ITALY

CONTINENT
COUNTRY

AUTHORITY	Bachi	Offi- cial	Poland	Finland	Lithuania	Latvia	Yugoslavia	Greece	Estonia	Bulgaria	Hungary	Czechoslovakia	Turkey
No. of Commodities	138	293	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
Base	1913	June 1928	1928	1935	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913- July 1914	44	72	548	126	52
Period	100	-	-	-	100.0	-	-	-	1913	1914	1929	July, 1914	1913- 1914
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	603	(e)	-	-	134	128.6	100.0	-	114	2,973	-	(g)	-
1928	462	100.0	100.0	-	134	119.9	106.2	-	121	3,206	-	979	-
1929	445	95.4	96.3	-	129	101.9	100.6	-	117	3,304	-	924	-
1930	383	85.4	85.5	-	108	84.8	86.6	1,811	102	2,682	100.0	801	1296
1931	328	74.5	74.6	-	94	85.1	72.9	1,646	91	2,211	86.7	738	1316
1932	304	69.6	65.5	-	76	83.7	65.2	1,471	83	1,937	82.4	682	1000
1933	280	63.4	59.0	-	68	83.0	64.4	1,766	85	1,731	81.6	658	859
1934	273	62.0	55.7	-	61	86.0	63.2	1,997	85	1,793	71.1	675	738
1935	318	68.2	53.0	100	53	91.0	65.9	1,969	84	1,825	71.3	705	648
1936	363	76.4	54.0	103	55	113.0	68.4	2,003	91	1,851	77.5	706	672
1937	437	89.1	59.4	122	64	113.0	74.7	2,038	101	2,088	79.9	750	735
1938	469	95.7	56.0	114	64	118.0	78.3	2,282	100	2,164	86.3	742	817
1939	-	-	-	-	-	-	79.3	2,229	102	2,197	86.8	-	849
1939	-	-	-	-	-	-	(a)	2,208	102	(f) (h)	86.3	-	805
April	476.0	97.9	(a)	-	-	-	77.1	2,173	100	2,216	-	(h)	-
May	479.0	96.7	55.6	113	65.1	116	77.3	2,176	100	2,209	86.2	781	843
June	480.6	98.1	55.6	114	65.1	114	77.7	2,155	100	2,183	85.5	794	840
July	479.7	96.2	56.3	115	64.5	115	77.6	2,132	100	2,158	84.9	795	825
August	483.0	-	55.9	116	64.6	118	76.8	2,156	100	2,158	85.3	811	802
September	-	-	-	117	63.6	119	76.6	2,226	102	2,179	86.3	810	805
October	-	-	-	-	65.1	121	80.1	2,245	104	2,202	86.5	-	797
November	-	-	-	-	-	123	86.8	2,313	108	2,259	87.5	-	778
December	-	-	-	-	81.4	126	90.9	2,405	113	2,301	88.2	-	-
1940	-	-	-	-	-	-	93.3	2,441	117	2,269	89.2	-	-
January	-	-	-	-	-	-	94.9	2,468	119	2,287	91.7	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-	-	98.5	2,493	120	2,324	93.0	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-	-	102.4	-	123	-	93.6	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) New series: June 1928=100. (d) Average of last week of month. (e) New series beginning January 1938, on 1914 base. (f) Former index now given in paper currency. (g) New series beginning January 1938, on 1914 base. (h) Former index now given in paper currency.

CONTINENT COUNTRY		INDIA		DUTCH E. ST. INDIES		INDO- CHINA		CHINA		JAP.N		COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		SOUTH AFRICA		AFRICA		EGYPT	
Authority	Department of Statistics	Labour Office	Official	Statistique generale	National Tariff Commission	Bank of	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics											
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	37	154	56	180	183	23												
Base	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1913	July, 1928- June, 1929	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914											
1913	-	-	100	-	-	100.0	-	(e)	100.0	-											
1920	201	216	279	-	-	259.4	-	-	223.3	316											
1926	148	149	159	131	100.0	178.8	-	-	123.3	132											
1928	145	146	149	144	101.7	170.8	-	994	120.7	120											
1929	141	145	148	150	104.5	166.1	-	988	115.1	116											
1930	116	126	134	150	114.8	136.8	100.4	963	102.6	104											
1931	96	109	105	128	126.7	115.6	89.8	902	99.5	97											
1932	91	109	86	117	112.4(d)	121.7	85.7	878	91.5	84											
1933	87	98	71	106	103.8	135.6	81.5	904	93.1	71											
1934	89	95	67	96	97.1	134.2	81.1	909	101.7	87											
1935	91	99	65	94	96.4	140.2	84.0	937	94.8	95											
1936	91	96	67	99	108.5	149.2	89.2	946	98.6	85											
1937	102	106	89	132	129.1	180.0	91.1	1021	101.0	88											
1938	95	101	83	153	153.6	189.9	91.6	1036	104.4	91											
1939	108	109	162	162	242.5	209.7	..	1071	101.9	88											
1939	(b)	-	-	-	(c)	-	-	(c)	-	-											
May	101	101	81	160	184.0	203.6	89.3	1057	-	85											
June	101	101	81	158	199.3	203.6	89.3	1058	-	84											
July	100	100	81	157	204.3	204.3	88.8	1065	99.8	83											
August	100	103	81	154	264.0	205.7	88.3	1084	-	83											
September	114	120	85	157	318.0	217.5	90.3	1077	-	88											
October	118	121	90	168	332.3	221.4	92.7	1090	104.2	90											
November	131	133	96	180	334.4	226.3	93.3	1111	106.0	90											
December	137	135	-	193	371.0	237.3	93.4	1115	107.7	98											
1940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-											
January	130	128	-	197	-	241.7	93.9	1120	109.3	98											
February	126	-	-	-	-	239.2	94.5	1135	110.0	96											
March	121	-	-	-	-	235.7	-	1153	110.9	95											
April	121	-	-	-	-	237.2	-	1168	111.8	97											
May	117	-	-	-	-	235.6	-	1177	112.5	-											

(a) July. (b) End of Month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Average of ten months only. (e) New series beginning January, 1939.

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INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES
ERICA

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	190.4	120	181
(a) Original base, 1913=100.			
(b) Index for 1923 on 1913 base.			
(c) Recalculated on 1926 base.			
(d) Average of quarter.			
(e) First of Month.			
(f) Fifteenth of month.			
(g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583.			
(h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs base 1930.			
(i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris, since 1929, 29 foodstuffs.			
(j) Revised figures.			

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COUNTRY Nature of Index	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA	
	Cost of Living 72 Towns	1913/1914	Cost of Living 59 Localities	1921	Cost of Living Warsaw	1928	Cost of Living Prague	July, 1914	Cost of Living 44 Towns	1914	Cost of Living Budapest	1913	Cost of Living 12 (67)	1914
Base	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914
1913	-	-	-	-	(c) (f)	(c) (f)	(d)	(d)	(m)	-	100	100	-	-
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	(a) 141.2	(a) 144.4	165	171	-	-	716	800	1,633	1,673	102	113	2,871	2,813
1928	151.7	152.3	208	207	100.0	100.0	748	842	1,860	1,929	117	128	2,875	2,883
1929	154.0	154.5	220	218	-	-	744	813	1,923	1,997	117	124	2,941	2,992
1930	147.3	142.9	228	209	92.1	83.7	746	782	1,682	1,719	106	105	2,690	2,439
1931	135.9	127.6	205	176	82.8	73.9	713	712	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	101	96	2,349	1,913
1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	74.8	64.9	700	677	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,160	1,765
1933	118.5	109.9	182	150	67.5	58.0	693	657	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,006	1,680
1934	121.7	116.2	175	143	62.6	52.3	685	633	1,937	1,887	89	77	1,873	1,676
1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	60.0	49.9	704	637	1,957	1,921	91	81	1,750	1,643
1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	58.0	48.5	710	671	2,020	2,034	96	87	1,677	1,660
1937	125.1	122.3	202	176	62.0	53.9	720	668	2,185	2,220	103	94	1,708	1,761
1938	125.6	122.1	206	180	60.9	52.1	752	689	2,173	2,176	103	95	1,767	1,898
1939	126.2	122.8	204	175	-	-	-	-	2,167	2,160	102	93	1,808	1,932
1939	-	-	(k)	(k)	(b)	(b)	(e)	(e)	-	-	(b)	(b)	(h)	(h)
June	126.5	123.6	200	169	60.9	52.3	824	766	2,150	2,143	102	93	1,817	1,960
July	127.3	124.9	201	171	62.6	54.8	815	-	2,136	2,119	101	92	1,819	1,949
August	127.3	124.9	200	169	-	-	-	-	2,137	2,120	102	94	1,801	1,894
September	125.7	121.7	200	169	-	-	-	-	2,163	2,145	102	94	1,806	1,897
October	125.8	121.7	207	177	-	-	-	-	2,106	2,195	102	94	1,816	1,911
November	126.1	122.2	211	182	-	-	-	-	2,206	2,198	102	94	1,821	1,925
December	126.4	122.8	213	184	-	-	-	-	2,216	2,202	102	94	1,842	1,979
1940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	-	-	217	189	-	-	-	-	2,232	2,215	104	97	1,845	1,983
February	-	-	222	196	-	-	-	-	2,241	2,219	105	97	1,860	2,018
March	-	-	221	193	-	-	-	-	2,253	2,221	105	98	1,857	2,009
April	-	-	226	198	-	-	-	-	-	-	106	99	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106	99	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	102	-	-

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index.
 (e) Middle of month. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 106 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent, (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32, 67 towns; monthly figures, 12 towns. (f) Revised.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LITHUANIA	
	Cost of Living	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods 100 Localities	Cost of Living	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living	Foods 84 Towns
Base Period	July 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1935	1935	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1913
1913	-	-	(j)	(j)	(k)	(k)	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	100
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)	(k)	(k)	-	-	1,058	-	-	-	-	-
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	-	-	145(f)	106	118	-	-	-
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	168(c)	161(c)	161	150	112	120	-	141
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	162	160	147	117	126	-	137
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	150	147	127	104	103	-	134
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	100	115
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	141	119	134	117	94	80	89	105
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	119	131	117	88	77	75	95
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	107	106	140	124	128	117	87	76	74	77
1935	151	138	156(h)	129(h)	111	114	136	118	130	114	87	76	69	65
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)	112	116	132	120	130	119	88	77	70	61
1937	166	158	162(h)	138(h)	116	119	137	127	105	118	98	89	73	50
1938	171	164	166(h)	143(h)	107	108	139	130	108	107	104	96	75	54
1939	173	167	169(h)	147(h)	108	108	-	-	108	108	110	101	79	63
1939	(i)	(i)	-	-	-	-	(d)	(d)	(e)	(e)	112	103	82	63
June	172	165	-	-	-	-	136.0	124.3	108	108	(d)	(d)	90	65
July	173	166	169	147	107	-	-	-	109	108	110	102	95	63
August	172	165	-	-	-	-	136.5	124.4	109	108	112	105	96	63
September	173	167	-	-	-	-	139.1	128.2	109	110	110	102	92	61
October	176	171	171	150	111	-	142.9	133.3	-	113	112	103	91	62
November	179	177	-	-	-	-	144.3	136.2	-	-	113	104	98	66
December	183	179	-	-	-	-	146.0	137.3	-	-	114	105	94	68
1940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	107	89	70
January	183	178	178	154	118	-	146.4	138.3	-	-	125	115	86	-
February	187	184	-	-	-	-	147.7	140.4	-	-	128	121	91	73
March	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131	123	95	77
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131	123	92	84
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	122	98	83
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Since 1928, new series. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index: 1922-25 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) Previous to January, 1938, 1931=100. (e) New index beginning 1937: 1935=100. (b) Cost of Living is for family of 5 persons while food is for 1 adult.

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COUNTRY Nature of Index	EUROPE				AFRICA				ASIA			
	ITALY		SWITZERLAND		YUGOSLAVIA		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	June, 1928	June, 1928	June, 1914	June, 1914	1926	1926	June, 1914	June, 1914	Jan. 1913	Jan. 1913	1922	1914
1913	-	-	-	-	-	(k)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	224	242	-	(k)	-	-	237	281(a)	-	-
1926	(d)	(d)	162	160	100.0	100.0	-	-	160	158(a)	-	-
1928	100	100	161	157	93.3	97.1	-	-	152	144	82.1	-
1929	101	101.0	161	156	93.9	93.7	3,030	3,030	151	146	71.9	-
1930	97.7	95.3	158	152	86.1	88.7	2,362	2,362	148	141	67.5	-
1931	88.3	83.2	150	141	81.7	83.6	2,241	2,241	138	123	59.6	1,292
1932	84.1	78.3	138	126	75.9	76.2	1,986	1,986	132	112	53.9	1,114
1933	80.5	73.8	131	117	74.6	72.4	1,948	1,948	125	101	55.2	1,030
1934	76.4	70.4	129	115	70.8	68.1	1,968	1,968	127	110	53.5	924
1935	77.5	72.8	128	114	69.8	68.5	1,982	1,982	130	115	53.8	912
1936	83.5	78.0	130	120	69.7	69.2	2,022	2,022	130	113	53.4	892
1937	91.7	86.1	137	130	73.2	72.9	2,102	2,102	129	111	56.4	926
1938	99.1	93.0	137	130	81.3	82.2	2,037	2,037	131	115	59.1	943
1939	-	-	138	132	84.5	83.8	1,918	1,918	131	112	57.6	922
1939	-	-	(g)	(g)	-	-	(b)	(b)	131	112	57.8	-
May	102.8	95.9	137	130	83.4	84.1	1,905	1,905	128	109	-	-
June	103.8	97.2	137	132	83.2	83.7	1,905	1,905	128	109	55.2	977
July	103.9	97.4	138	132	81.5	81.1	1,906	1,906	128	110	53.7	956
August	-	-	137	131	81.7	81.3	1,903	1,903	128	110	53.7	947
September	-	-	138	133	82.0	81.5	1,921	1,921	131	113	53.4	944
October	-	-	140	136	86.7	84.3	1,940	1,940	132	112	61.1	-
November	-	-	142	138	90.2	86.5	1,945	1,945	136	114	63.1	-
December	-	-	142	138	91.5	86.9	1,949	1,949	137	112	63.3	-
1940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63.5	-
January	-	-	144	139	93.6	88.9	1,957	1,957	136	113	-	-
February	-	-	145	139	94.9	89.8	1,955	1,955	138	115	64.4	-
March	-	-	145	140	99.1	92.1	1,933	1,933	137	114	-	-
April	-	-	147	142	101.8	95.0	1,952	1,952	137	115	-	-
May	-	-	148	143	-	-	1,975	1,975	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	150	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(e) July. (b) Middle of month. (d) New series; June, 1928=100. (g) Last week or end of month. (k) New Index on 1926 base.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	ASIA			OCEANIA			SOUTH AMERICA		
	INDIA		CHINA	JAPAN		AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND		PERU
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living 25 Towns
Base Period	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	July 1928 June 1929	July 1928 June 1929	1926- 1930
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1913
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
1926	-	-	100.0	100.0	199	217	-	-	210
1928	-	-	102.5	92.1	184	202	-	-	201
1929	-	-	107.9	98.4	181	203	-	-	181
1930	-	-	121.8	118.8	155	173	99.7	100.1	177
1931	-	-	125.9	107.5	136	151	90.3	86.9	169
1932	-	-	119.1	101.3	137	158	83.0	80.2	158
1933	-	-	107.2	86.9	146	161	79.4	75.3	143
1934	-	-	106.2	86.4	149	164	79.4	76.1	139
1935	(e)	(e)	106.6	89.1	152	170	80.7	78.6	150
1936	100	103	113.3	100.7	159	164	82.3	80.7	152
1937	106	114	131.8	121.5	174	193	84.6	83.4	160
1938	106	113	150.5	137.4	200	210	86.8	85.6	170
1939	106	114	-	-	224	238	89.4	90.8	172
1939	103	110	161.8	154.3	(b)	(b)	(a)	105.2	170
May	104	112	166.7	160.0	221	235	-	(b)	172
June	105	114	183.4	162.2	221	232	89.9	98.3	170
July	105	112	201.5	198.7	223	235	-	98.7	168
August	106	114	241.6	256.8	232	251	-	99.5	(b)
September	108	119	-	-	232	255	89.8	91.4	168
October	109	119	-	-	235	255	-	91.0	169
November	113	126	-	-	236	256	-	92.8	171
December	114	128	-	-	240	263	-	92.4	171
1940	112	124	-	-	247	279	90.8	101.9	172
January	-	-	-	-	251	278	100.8	107.3	173
February	-	-	-	-	254	270	101.3	106.4	175
March	-	-	-	-	259	280	101.2	106.0	176
April	-	-	-	-	263	283	101.7	107.3	177
May	-	-	-	-	263	283	102.6	107.8	178
June	-	-	-	-	263	281	101.9	107.3	179

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent. (e) New index series beginning January, 1935.

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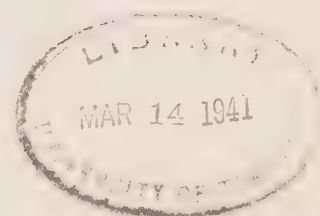
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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1940

The second half of 1940 witnessed a resumption of rising wholesale price levels in the United States and Canada, and a continuance of the steep rise in European countries which dates from the outbreak of war. Declines in Mexico and the Argentine were indicative of depressed markets in Latin-American countries resulting from recent contractions in export outlets.

An increase of 3.2 p.c. between June and December for both the United States Bureau of Labour and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics wholesale indexes followed moderate reactions in these series during the first half of 1940. The Canadian index recorded a net increase of 3.1 p.c. for 1940 as compared with a rise of 1.0 p.c. in the United States Bureau of Labor index.

Mexican and Argentine indexes moved upward in the first half of 1940 and then reacted moderately, showing practically no net change for the year.

Wholesale price index records of European countries pointed to substantial increases in the second half of 1940. The Board of Trade index for the United Kingdom continued steadily upward, advancing 10.3 p.c. from June to December 1940, and 21.2 p.c. for the complete year. Second half advances^x noted for other countries were 10.5 p.c. for Sweden, 15.2 p.c. for Denmark, 16.1 p.c. for Switzerland, and 29.1 p.c. for Yugoslavia.

Changes recorded by wholesale indexes for countries in other parts of the world in the latter half of 1940, included increases of 6.6 p.c. for New Zealand, and 7.9 p.c. for the Shanghai index in China.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1940

The movement of living cost indexes in the second half of 1940 continued to be predominantly upward in line with earlier movements in wholesale prices. One noteworthy exception was the United States index of the National Industrial Conference Board which eased 0.6 p.c. For the year 1940 this series advanced 0.7 p.c. as compared with a rise of 4.0 p.c. in the official index for Canada.

Increases in European indexes were more pronounced. June to December gains in these series were noted as follows: United Kingdom 7.7 p.c., Switzerland 6.0 p.c.^x, and Yugoslavia 22.9 p.c.^x Corresponding annual increases were: United Kingdom 12.7 p.c., Switzerland 12.0 p.c.^x, and Yugoslavia 40.7 p.c.

The New Zealand cost of living index moved up 2.4 p.c. in the latter half of 1940, and 3.1 p.c. for the year as a whole.

^x November, 1940, the latest month available.

Changes in Wholesale Price Index Numbers, 1940.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change between</u>	
	<u>June, 1940 and latest month available in 1940</u>	<u>December, 1939 and latest month available in 1940</u>
Argentina	- 1.5	+ 0.3
Canada	+ 3.2	+ 3.1
China	+ 7.9	+53.3
Denmark	+15.2	+32.9
Mexico	- 1.9	+ 0.1
New Zealand	+ 6.6	+13.7
Norway	+ 4.7	+18.5
Sweden	+10.5	+19.7
Switzerland	+16.1	+28.8
United Kingdom	+10.3	+21.2
United States	+ 3.2	+ 1.0
Yugoslavia	+29.1	+50.3

Changes in Cost of Living Index Numbers, 1940.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>	
	<u>June, 1940 and latest month available in 1940</u>	<u>December, 1939 and latest month available in 1940</u>
Canada	+ 3.0	+ 4.0
China	+27.0	+68.9
Japan	- 0.6	+ 8.7
New Zealand	+ 2.4	+ 3.1
Switzerland	+ 6.0	+12.0
United Kingdom	+ 7.7	+12.7
United States	- 0.6	+ 0.7
Yugoslavia	+22.9	+40.7

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	N O R T H A M E R I C A										M E X I C O	
	C A N A D A					U N I T E D S T A T E S						
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics					Bureau of Labor Statistics						
AUTHORITY	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics		Annalist	Official	
No. of Commodities	567(c)	236(d)	402(d)	245(d)	322(d)	30	200	784(b)	94 Series	1926	32	
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1929	
1913	64.0	100.0	67.4	63.8	64.8	-	69.8	69.8	-	-	-	-
1920	155.9	243.5	163.1	155.7	156.8	-	154.4	154.4	-	-	-	-
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b)100.0	100.0	100.0	-	-
1928	96.4	150.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	92.9	97.9	96.7	99.2	99.2	-	-
1929	95.6	149.3	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8	96.3	95.3	96.9	96.9	-	-
1930	86.6	135.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	76.2	86.3	86.4	84.9	84.9	-	-
1931	72.1	112.6	67.8	61.9	74.9	59.6	71.4	73.0	69.3	69.3	-	-
1932	66.7	104.2	63.1	55.0	69.8	51.3	61.6	64.8	60.6	60.6	-	-
1933	67.1	104.8	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1	64.6	66.0	63.1	63.1	-	-
1934	71.6	111.8	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0	76.6	75.0	75.5	75.5	-	-
1935	72.1	112.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4	83.0	80.0	83.8	83.8	-	-
1936	74.6	116.5	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3	83.7	80.8	84.1	84.1	-	-
1937	84.6	132.1	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3	90.7	86.3	92.4	92.4	-	-
1938	78.6	122.8	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3	81.2	78.6	81.0	81.0	-	-
1939	75.4	117.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	68.7	80.9	77.1	79.0	79.0	-	-
1940											-	-
January	82.6	129.0	79.0	75.3	81.7	80.1	85.8	79.4	82.0	82.0	127.5	
February	82.8	129.3	79.1	75.9	81.8	79.5	84.6	78.7	81.6	81.6	131.0	
March	83.2	130.0	80.0	76.4	82.0	79.7	84.2	78.4	80.9	80.9	132.1	
April	83.1	129.8	80.4	76.8	81.7	79.4	84.4	78.6	81.6	81.6	130.1	
May	82.1	128.2	78.9	75.3	80.6	78.6	83.8	78.4	80.9	80.9	130.2	
June	81.6	127.5	77.3	74.0	80.1	77.9	82.5	77.5	79.5	79.5	128.4	
July	82.4	128.7	77.6	74.7	80.6	78.7	82.0	77.7	79.7	79.7	128.9	
August	82.7	129.2	78.0	73.9	81.6	78.1	81.2	77.4	79.5	79.5	127.4	
September	83.1	129.8	78.3	74.3	81.8	78.2	82.0	78.0			125.7	
October	83.3	130.1	78.3	74.8	82.0	78.8	83.0	78.7			125.9	
November	84.0	131.2	78.9	76.2	82.7	79.8	84.4	79.6				
December	84.2	131.5	79.3	76.2	83.2	79.1	85.0	80.0				

(b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204,351,232,276 to 236,402,245 and 322 in January, 1934.

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COUNTRY ARGENTINA CHILE PERU EUROPE

AUTHORITY	UNITED KINGDOM				Statist	Times	FRANCE		GERMANY
	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Statistique Generale	Statistique Generale	Federal Statistical Office
No. of									
Commodities	108	58	10 (d)	45	60	125	45	125	400
Base Period	1926	1913	1935	1913	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913
1913	75.5	100.0	150.2	100.0	100	100	102	100	100.0
1920	-	239	290.5	295.3	-	-	520	-	1367 July
1926	100.0	203	199.1	148.0	148	695	718	695	(a) 134.4
1928	98.5	192	173.1	141.2	141	645	634	645	140.0
1929	96.4	186	166.2	135.3	134	627	623	627	137.2
1930	92.2	178	115.7	114.1	115	554	543	554	124.6
1931	89.0	175	82.9	96.5	98	502	462	502	110.9
1932	89.5	170	84.9	94.0	96	427	407	427	96.5
1933	85.6	180	90.9	93.7	96	398	388	398	93.3
1934	98.4	188	98.7	96.4	100	376	366	376	98.4
1935	97.0	189	100.0	98.9	104	338	347	338	101.8
1936	99.2	192	114.7	103.5	110	411	405	411	104.1
1937	112.6	205	134.1	120.6	128	581	563	581	105.9
1938	105.5	205	101.1	107.5	117	653	640	653	105.7
1939	108.2	213	109.4	113.2	119	106.9			106.9
1940		(c)	(b)	(b)	(b)				
January	124.0	237	135.0	146.0	144				108.2
February	123.3	239	137.4	146.5	146				108.4
March	124.1	238	134.4	145.2	145				109.4
April	123.7	238	135.0	148.2	146				110
May	124.0	244	133.6	150.6	149				110
June	123.9	247	133.9	152.9	-				110
July	124.5	252	134.9	152.4	152				111
August	122.8	252	132.9	154.7	158				111
September	122.4	251		154.8					111
October	121.6	251		155.1					111
November	122.1	254		156.1					111
December				148.2					111

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) New index of sensitive commodities on 1935 base.
(e) Since January, 1935, new series, 1930=100. (f) 1920=29, base 1913=100.

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COUNTRY	AUTHORITY	EUROPE										PORTUGAL
		SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA	Official	Commerce Department	Banco de Portugal	
No. of Commodities	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Official	Official	Official	
Base	1914	1914	1925-30	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	1913	1935(h)	1935	1927	1927	1927	1927	
1913	-	-	-	100	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	
1920	-	-	-	382	-	359	-	-	-	-	-	
1926	144.5	744	-	196	198	149	-	-	-	-	-	
1928	144.6	843	(b)	155	157(e)	148	-	-	-	-	(c) 104.2	
1929	141.2	851	99.7	148	149	140	-	-	-	-	(c) 103.9	
1930	126.5	744	89.6	138	137	122	-	-	-	-	(c) 98.4	
1931	109.7	626	76.3	123	122	111	-	-	-	-	(c) 88.5	
1932	96.0	532	64.6	125	122	109	-	-	-	-	89.6	
1933	91.0	501	62.9	124	122	107	-	-	-	-	86.8	
1934	89.8	473	63.0	126	124	114	-	-	-	-	93.8	
1935	89.8	537	61.5	132	127	100	-	-	-	-	86.1	
1936	95.6	588	63.8	138	134	102	100	100	56	63	89.6	
1937	111.2	684	76.2	161	156	114	105	105	65	65	105.5	
1938	107.1	630	71.9	161	153	111	119	112	64	64	102.6	
1939	111.2	649	73.7	159	156	115	118	118	69	69		
1940	(a)	(f)			(d) (g)				(a)	(a)		
January	127.7	822	86.2	190	119	136	154	154	86	86		
February	129.7	840	87.6	197	124	138	162	162	93	93		
March	132.1	840	88.1	208	130	140	166	166				
April	134.2			211	131	141	168	168				
May	134.9			212	131	142	167	167				
June	138.7			214	130	143	165	165				
July	140.6			214	132	146	165	165				
August	145.7			213	136	146	170	170				
September	152.0			215	135	148	182	182				
October	155.5			217		154	185	185				
November	161.1			224		158	190	190				
December												

(a) End of month. (b) New series beginning January 1939. (c) June. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month. (g) New series beginning January, 1940 on 1938 base. (h) 1913-34, base 1913=100. New series begins in 1934

COUNTRY		EUROPE											
		ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	ROMANIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
AUTHORITY	Bach	Official	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of Commodities	133	223	233	139	88	61	55	60	44	72	548	126	52
Base	1913	June 1928	1928	1935	1938(e)	1913	1926	January 1913	1913	1914	1929	July, 1914	1913
Period	1913	1928	1928	1935	1938(e)	1913	1926	July 1914	1913	1914	1929	July, 1914	1913
1913	100	-	-	-	100	100.0	-	-	100	-	-	-	1914
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	603	-	-	-	134	-	100.0	-	114	-	-	-	-
1928	462	100.0	100.0	134	134	128.6	106.2	-	121	2,973	-	(d)	-
1929	445	95.4	96.3	129	129	113.9	100.6	-	117	3,206	-	979	1296
1930	333	85.4	85.5	108	108	101.9	86.6	1,811	102	3,304	-	924	1316
1931	328	74.5	74.6	94	94	84.8	72.9	1,546	91	2,682	100.0	801	1000
1932	304	59.6	65.5	76	76	35.1	65.2	1,471	83	2,211	86.7	738	859
1933	280	63.4	59.0	68	68	83.7	64.4	1,766	85	1,937	82.4	682	738
1934	273	62.0	55.7	61	61	83.0	63.2	1,997	85	1,731	81.6	658	648
1935	318	68.2	53.0	53	53	86.0	65.9	1,969	84	1,793	71.1	675	672
1936	363	76.4	54.0	89.0	89.0	91.0	68.4	2,003	91	1,825	77.5	705	735
1937	437	89.1	59.4	101.4	101.4	113.0	74.7	2,038	101	1,851	79.9	706	817
1938	469	95.7	56.0	100.0	100.0	113.0	78.3	2,282	100	2,088	86.3	750	849
1939	-	-	-	114	103.6	118.0	79.3	2,229	102	2,164	86.8	742	805
1940	-	-	-	-	-	-	(a)	2,208	-	2,197	86.3	-	-
January	-	-	-	128.8	128.8	-	93.3	2,441	117	(c)	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	134.7	134.7	-	94.9	2,269	119	2,269	91.7	-	-
March	-	-	-	141.9	141.9	-	98.5	2,468	120	2,287	93.0	-	-
April	-	-	-	142.5	142.5	-	102.4	2,493	123	2,324	93.6	-	-
May	-	-	-	144.3	144.3	-	102.8	-	125	2,320	94.3	-	-
June	-	-	-	144.5	144.5	-	105.8	-	-	2,359	97.5	-	-
July	-	-	-	145.7	145.7	-	108.3	-	-	2,373	98.7	-	-
August	-	-	-	146.5	146.5	-	121.2	-	-	2,445	101.9	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	129.4	-	-	2,548	104.0	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	132.1	-	-	-	105.7	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	136.6	-	-	-	107.0	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	107.5	-	-

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Average of last week of month. (d) Former index now given in paper currency.
(e) New series beginning 1936 on 1938 base years 1913-35 on 1913 base.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES									
CONTINENT COUNTRY	ASIA			OCEANIA		AFRICA		EGYPT	
	INDIA	DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO- CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND		
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Statistique générale Saigon	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72	43	37	154	56		180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1926	1913	July, 1928- June, 1929	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914
1913	-	100	100	-	100.0	-	(e)	100.0	-
1920	201	279	-	-	259.4	-	-	223.3	316
1926	148	159	131	100.0	178.8	-	-	123.3	132
1928	145	149	144	101.7	170.8	-	994	120.7	120
1929	141	148	150	104.5	166.1	100.4	988	115.1	116
1930	116	134	150	114.8	136.8	89.8	963	102.6	104
1931	96	105	128	126.7	115.6	85.7	902	99.5	97
1932	91	86	117	112.4(d)	121.7	81.5	878	91.5	84
1933	87	71	106	103.8	135.6	81.1	904	93.1	71
1934	89	67	96	97.1	134.2	81.4	909	101.7	87
1935	91	65	94	96.4	140.2	84.0	937	94.8	95
1936	91	67	99	108.5	149.2	89.2	946	98.6	85
1937	102	89	132	129.1	180.0	91.1	1021	101.0	88
1938	95	83	153	153.6	189.9	91.6	1036	104.4	91
1939	108	109	162	242.5	209.7	94.4	1071	101.9	88
1940	(b)			(c)			(c)		
January	130	103	197	391.4	241.7	94.6	1120	109.3	98
February	126	102		455.8	239.2	95.5	1137	110.0	96
March	121	100		469.1	235.7	96.9	1158	110.9	95
April	121	98		487.0	237.2	98.5	1175	111.8	97
May	117	98		546.8	235.6	100.6	1185	112.5	97
June	114	97		527.6	233.0	100.6	1190	112.5	97
July	114			512.3	231.1	101.0	1205	112.8	97
August	115			507.4	231.2	102.4	1225	113.2	98
September	119			533.9	232.7	102.7	1237	114.4	99
October				569.1		103.0	1253	116.6	104
November							1258		
December							1268		

(b) End of Month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Average of ten months only. (e) New series beginning January, 1939.

Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labour Statistics, Cost of Living		Bureau of Labour Statistics, Foods		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living		Minister of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns		FRANCE	
	Foods		Cost of Living		Foods		Board, Cost of Living		Foods		Foods		Foods		Paris Foods	
	1935-39(c)	1935-39(c)	1935-39(c)	1935-39(c)	1935-39(c)	1935-39(c)	1935-39(c)	1935-39(c)	July, 1914	1914	July, 1914	1914	(g) (i)	(g)	July, 1914	Paris Cost of Living
Base Period 1913	88.3	79.7	70.7	136.2	118.2	256	-	-	-	-	-	-	386	371	-	-
1920	188.1	150.5	143.2	110.6	104.3	164	249	172	179	185	-	-	571	554	342	342
1926	133.3	121.8	126.4	105.6	100.6	157	172	166	169	174	176	185	537	549	505	505
1928	131.5	120.5	122.6	106.9	100.1	154	166	164	169	174	176	176	609	102.2(h)	519	519
1929	134.7	121.7	122.5	101.7	96.7	145	158	154	160	171	171	171	609	100.0	556	556
1930	131.5	120.8	119.4	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	147	161	161	161	605	98.8	581	581
1931	103.1	109.1	108.7	69.7	77.9	126	144	144	141	157	157	157	535	87.6	569	569
1932	85.7	99.0	97.6	67.8	74.9	120	140	140	131	151	151	151	501	83.9	526	526
1933	84.9	94.4	92.4	75.3	79.4	122	141	141	140	155	155	155	474	78.0	520	520
1934	92.5	95.7	95.7	82.1	82.6	125	143	143	147	160	160	160	417	69.1	516	516
1935	94.6	96.2	98.1	83.9	84.8	130	147	147	156	173	173	173	452	76.1	483	483
1936	97.8	98.1	99.1	86.9	88.5	139	154	154	159	170	170	170	571	95.0	507	507
1937	103.2	101.2	102.7	80.7	86.4	141	156	156	163	178	178	178	657	108.3	619	619
1938	103.8	102.2	100.8	78.6	85.2	141	158	158	177	197	197	197			698	698
1939	100.6	101.5	99.4	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)				
1940	(e)	(e)		78.8	85.4	157	174	174	-	-	-	-				
January	104.5	103.8	-	79.8	85.8	161	177	177	177	197	197	197				
February	104.5	103.8	-	78.8	85.5	161	179	179	-	-	-	-				
March	104.8	104.6	99.8	79.9	85.9	158	178	178	-	-	-	-				
April	104.8	104.6	-	80.6	86.0	159	180	180	-	-	-	-				
May	104.4	104.9	-	81.7	86.4	158	181	181	180	204	204	204				
June	103.8	104.9	100.5	80.9	86.3	168	187	187	-	-	-	-				
July	105.3	105.6	-	79.9	86.0	164	185	185	-	-	-	-				
August	105.4	105.9	-	78.2	85.6	166	187	187	182	206	206	206				
September	105.4	106.4	100.4	77.4	85.5	169	189	189	-	-	-	-				
October	106.1	107.0	-	77.2	85.5	172	192	192	-	-	-	-				
November	108.7	107.8	-	78.3	85.9	173	195	195	194	214	214	214				
December	109.1	108.0	-						-	-	-	-				

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) New series on base 1935-39=100. (e) First of Month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris, since 1929, 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.

EUROPE																
CONTINENT	COUNTRY	Nature of Index Base	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA	
			Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Warsaw	Foods Warsaw	Cost of Living Prague July, 1914	Foods Prague July, 1914	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Foods 44 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Foods Budapest	Cost of Living 12 (67)	Foods Towns (n)
		Period	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1921	1921	1928	1928	1914	1914	1914	1913	1914	1914
		1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(m)	-	-	-	-	-
		1920	1065(g)	1252(g)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		1926	(a) 141.2	(a) 144.4	165	171	-	-	-	-	1,633	1,673	102	113	2,871	2,813
		1928	151.7	152.3	208	207	-	-	100.0	716	1,868	1,929	117	128	2,875	2,883
		1929	154.0	154.5	220	218	-	-	-	748	1,923	1,987	117	124	2,941	2,992
		1930	147.3	142.9	228	209	-	83.7	-	746	1,682	1,719	106	105	2,690	2,439
		1931	135.9	127.6	205	176	73.9	73.9	-	713	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	101	96	2,349	1,913
		1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	64.9	64.9	-	700	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,160	1,765
		1933	118.5	109.9	182	150	58.0	58.0	-	693	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,006	1,680
		1934	121.7	116.2	175	143	52.3	52.3	-	685	1,937	1,887	89	77	1,873	1,676
		1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	49.9	49.9	-	704	1,957	1,921	91	81	1,750	1,643
		1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	48.5	48.5	-	710	2,023	2,034	96	87	1,677	1,660
		1937	125.1	122.3	202	176	53.9	53.9	-	720	2,185	2,228	103	94	1,708	1,761
		1938	125.6	122.1	206	180	52.1	52.1	-	752	2,173	2,176	103	95	1,767	1,893
		1939	126.2	122.8	204	175	-	-	-	-	2,167	2,160	102	93	1,808	1,932
		1940	-	-	(k)	(k)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(b)	(b)	(h)	(h)
		January	127	124	217	189	-	-	-	-	2,232	2,215	104	97	1,845	1,983
		February	127	124	222	196	-	-	-	-	2,241	2,219	105	97	1,860	2,018
		March	129	126	221	193	-	-	-	-	2,253	2,221	105	98	1,857	2,009
		April	129	127	226	198	-	-	-	-	-	-	106	99	-	-
		May	130	129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	102	-	-
		June	131	129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	103	-	-
		July	132	131	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	105	-	-
		August	133	133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111	105	-	-
		September	132	130	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112	108	-	-
		October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117	115	-	-
		November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117	115	-	-
		December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle of month. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 106 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32, 67 towns; monthly figures, 12 towns. (f) Revised.

Country Nature of Index	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods Localities	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84 Towns
Base Period	July 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1935	1935	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913 (b)	1913 (b)

1913	-	-	(j)	(j)	-	(k)	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-	100	100
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)	(k)	133	168	161	1,058	145(f)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	125	169	166	154(f)	150	106	118	-	-	141	131
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	168	162	161	147	112	120	-	-	137	134
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	162	160	147	117	126	-	-	134	132
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	150	147	127	104	103	-	-	115	105
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	100	100	105	95
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	141	119	134	117	94	80	91	89	105	77
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	119	131	117	88	77	76	74	88	65
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	107	106	140	124	128	114	87	76	72	69	70	61
1935	151	138	156(h)	129(h)	111	114	136	118	130	119	88	77	73	70	61	50
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)	112	116	132	120	130	118	88	77	73	69	62	54
1937	166	158	162(h)	138(h)	116	119	137	127	105(e)	118	98	89	79	75	70	63
1938	171	164	166(h)	143(h)	107	108	139	130	108	107(e)	104	96	87	79	70	63
1939	173	167	169(h)	147(h)	108	108	139	130	111	108	110	101	87	79	70	63
1940	(1)	(1)	178	154	118	108	(d)	(d)	112	112	112	103	90	82	72	65
January	183	178	-	-	-	-	146.4	138.3	121	125	(d)	(d)	86	71	84	73
February	187	184	-	-	-	-	147.7	140.4	123	129	125	115	91	79	88	77
March	194	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126	134	128	121	95	85	92	84
April	196	-	-	163	-	-	-	-	130	138	131	123	98	89	93	83
May	198	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130	139	131	123	99	97	94	84
June	198	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128	135	132	122	-	-	95	85
July	199	-	-	170	-	-	-	-	133	135	-	-	-	-	96	86
August	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	134	138	-	-	-	-	99	89
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	140	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	139	142	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	172	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Since 1928, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index; 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) Previous to January, 1938, 1931=100. (e) New index beginning 1937: 1935=100. (b) Cost of Living is for family of 5 persons while food is for 1 adult.



INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

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CONTINENT	EUROPE				AFRICA				ASIA					
	ITALY		SWITZERLAND		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE		TURKEY	
COUNTRY	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Nature of Index														
Base Period	June, 1928	June, 1928	June, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	Jan. 1913	Jan. 1913	Jan. 1913	Jan. 1913	Jan. 1913	Jan. 1913	Jan. 1913	Jan. 1913
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	224	242	-	-	237	281(a)	1,458	1,660	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	162	160	-	-	160	158(a)	1,063	1,096	-	-	-	-
1928	100	100	161	157	100.0	97.1	152	144	1,069	1,088	-	-	-	-
1929	101	101.0	161	156	93.9	98.7	151	146	1,066	1,072	-	-	-	-
1930	97.7	95.3	158	152	86.1	88.7	148	141	1,041	1,024	-	-	1,381	1,555
1931	88.3	83.2	150	141	81.7	83.6	138	123	1,002	976	-	-	1,272	1,292
1932	84.1	78.3	138	126	75.9	76.2	132	112	958	891	-	-	1,203	1,114
1933	80.5	73.8	131	117	74.6	72.4	125	101	932	917	-	-	1,172	1,030
1934	76.4	70.4	129	115	70.8	68.1	127	110	945	964	-	-	1,047	924
1935	77.5	72.8	128	114	69.8	68.5	130	115	940	947	-	-	1,031	912
1936	83.5	78.0	130	120	69.7	69.2	130	113	943	942	-	-	957	892
1937	91.7	86.1	137	130	73.2	72.9	129	111	965	954	(c)	(c)	960	926
1938	99.1	93.0	137	130	81.3	82.2	131	115	1,000	1,000	100.0	100.0	975	943
1939			138	132	84.5	83.8	131	112	999	993	91.8	98.0	972	922
1940			(d)	(d)							93.7	99.5		
January			144	139	93.6	88.9	136	113	1,012	1,000	112.3	106.7		
February			145	139	94.9	89.8	138	115	1,019	1,008	108.0	105.7		
March			145	140	99.1	92.1	137	114	1,024	1,015	105.9	104.0		
April			147	142	101.8	95.0	137	115	1,029	1,024	99.4	103.6		
May			148	143	102.4	95.5	137	114	1,035	1,036	101.6	105.2		
June			150	145	104.7	97.2	138	113	1,037	1,033	106.1	109.8		
July			151	145	106.2	98.3	138	114	1,036	1,026	111.2	112.3		
August			151	146	110.6	103.9	141	116	1,035	1,022	113.4	115.8		
September			153	149	116.0	111.0	146	118	1,041	1,026				
October			157	152	121.5	117.7	152	125	1,050	1,049				
November			159	157	128.7	126.0								
December				157										

(a) July. (b) Middle of month. (c) New series on 1937 base. (d) Last week or end of month.

Nature of Index	INDIA			CHINA			JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		SOUTH AMERICA	
	Cost of Living Bombay		Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Shanghai		Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio		Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities		Cost of Living 25 Towns		Cost of Living Lima		Cost of Living Santiago	
	July/33	June/34		1926	1926		July, 1914	July, 1914	July 1928 June 1929	July 1928 June 1929	1926-1930	1926-1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928
Base Period	July/33	June/34	July/33													
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	199	217	-	-	101.9	116.5	100	100	-	-
1928	-	-	-	92.1	92.1	92.1	184	202	-	-	101.0	102.6	208	208	-	-
1929	-	-	-	98.4	98.4	98.4	181	203	-	-	100.6	100.4	182	182	-	-
1930	-	-	-	118.8	118.8	118.8	155	173	100.1	100.1	100.4	101.3	161	161	(116)	(116)
1931	-	-	-	107.5	107.5	107.5	136	151	86.9	86.9	98.1	97.4	159	159	109	119
1932	-	-	-	125.9	125.9	125.9	137	158	80.2	80.2	90.6	84.4	157	157	108	115
1933	-	-	-	119.1	119.1	119.1	146	161	75.3	75.3	83.8	77.5	148	148	107	103
1934	-	-	-	86.9	86.9	86.9	149	164	76.1	76.1	79.5	73.2	143	143	114	115
1935	100	103	103	86.4	86.4	86.4	152	170	78.6	78.6	80.8	77.4	139	139	141	147
1936	101	107	107	89.1	89.1	89.1	159	184	80.7	80.7	83.7	83.5	148	148	142	149
1937	106	114	114	100.7	100.7	100.7	174	193	82.3	82.3	86.4	87.0	147	147	144	155
1938	106	113	113	121.5	121.5	121.5	200	210	84.6	84.6	92.2	95.6	157	157	157	171
1939	106	114	114	137.4	137.4	137.4	224	238	85.6	85.6	95.1	99.1	173	173	176	205
1940	114	128	128	189.9	189.9	189.9	(b)	(b)	90.8	90.8	99.0	105.2	169	169	184	214
January	114	124	124	313.7	313.7	313.7	247	279	91.3	91.3	(b)	(b)	159	159	187	210
February	112	121	121	350.7	350.7	350.7	251	278	(a)	(a)	100.8	107.3	(b)	(b)	193	222
March	110	121	121	365.7	365.7	365.7	254	278	-	-	101.3	106.4	165	165	195	226
April	110	121	121	357.5	357.5	357.5	259	280	91.2	91.2	101.2	106.0	164	164	197	232
May	111	122	122	382.7	382.7	382.7	263	283	-	-	101.7	107.3	166	166	203	239
June	111	124	124	390.5	390.5	390.5	263	281	93.5	93.5	102.9	107.8	168	168	206	243
July	113	127	127	405.9	405.9	405.9	267	290	-	-	102.6	107.1	173	173	213	248
August	114	129	129	403.0	403.0	403.0	265	287	-	-	102.7	107.4	175	175	212	240
September	112	125	125	413.2	413.2	413.2	265	283	94.0	94.0	104.2	107.0	180	180	215	245
October				452.9	452.9	452.9	262	278	93.4	93.4	105.0	109.5	178	178	226	266
November				517.5	517.5	517.5	261	275	94.3	94.3	104.8	108.7	184	184	226	
December							261	276			105.2	108.7				
											105.1	108.4				

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FIRST HALF OF 1941.

Wholesale price increases which have been general since the outbreak of war showed changes in tempo in the first half of 1941. In European countries the sharp ascent of price levels abated somewhat, while in the United States, Canada and Latin-American countries the increase accelerated.

The June, 1941 index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics registered a gain of 8.9 p.c. over December, 1940 and 12.4 p.c. over June, 1940, while the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index showed smaller increases of 6.9 p.c. and 10.3 p.c. over December and June of 1940.

The Board of Trade June, 1941 index for the United Kingdom recorded an increase of 13.4 p.c. for the past year and only 2.8 p.c. for the first half of 1941. Substantial advances continued in other European countries, but on a smaller scale than in the previous six months. Gains noted over December, 1940 for the latest months available in 1941 were: Switzerland 10.5 p.c., Norway 8.4 p.c., Sweden 6.3 p.c., Hungary 5.5 p.c.,

After a year and a quarter of uncertain fluctuations the latest indexes for Mexico and Argentina showed advances of 8.3 p.c. and 6.0 p.c. respectively since the end of 1940.

The first five months of 1941 showed increases of 2.8 p.c. for New Zealand and 8.3 p.c. for the Calcutta index in India.

Wholesale index comparisons between August, 1939 and the latest months available in 1941 reveal the following war-time increases: Denmark 78.4 p.c., Switzerland 70.2 p.c., United Kingdom 55.4 p.c., Sweden 53.2 p.c., China 46.5 p.c., Hungary 32.9 p.c., India 30.0 p.c., Canada 24.3 p.c., New Zealand 20.2 p.c., United States 16.1 p.c., and Mexico 4.8 p.c.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
FIRST HALF OF 1941

World cost of living indexes continued to follow the upward trends established earlier by wholesale price levels.

In the United States the June index of the National Industrial Conference Board was 3.0 p.c. above December, 1940. Food prices were mainly responsible for this change. In Canada the official cost of living index advanced 2.3 p.c. between December, 1940 and June, 1941. Increases since June, 1940 were 2.4 p.c. for United States and 5.3 p.c. for Canada.

In the United Kingdom the Board of Trade index mounted 2.6 p.c. in the first six months of 1941, as compared with 10.5 p.c. since June, 1940. The food index declined slightly and the only substantial increase was in the clothing group.

The Mexican cost of living, after moving only fractionally higher in a year's time rose 1.6 p.c. in June over December, 1940.

Other increases noted for the first half of 1941 were: Iceland 9.2 p.c., Switzerland 6.9 p.c., Portugal 2.6 p.c. and New Zealand 1.2 p.c. Corresponding increases since June, 1940 were: Iceland 24.0 p.c., Switzerland 14.0 p.c., Portugal 9.8 p.c. and New Zealand 4.0 p.c.

Latest gains recorded by cost of living series since August, 1939 were as follows: China 306.1 p.c., Iceland 50.5 p.c., United Kingdom 29.0 p.c., Switzerland 24.8 p.c., Japan 17.0 p.c., Canada 9.6 p.c., New Zealand 7.1 p.c., United States 4.7 p.c., and Mexico 2.7 p.c.

Changes in Wholesale Price Index Numbers
First Half of 1941

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	December, 1940 and latest month available in 1941	June, 1940	August, 1939
Argentina	+ 6.0	+ 4.8	+ 5.4
Canada	+ 6.9	+ 10.3	+ 24.3
China	+ 23.7	+ 43.3	+ 46.5
Denmark	+ 3.7	+ 20.0	+ 78.4
Hungary	+ 5.5	+ 16.2	+ 32.9
India	+ 8.3	+ 14.0	+ 30.0
Mexico	+ 8.3	+ 5.4	+ 4.8
New Zealand	+ 2.8	+ 9.5	+ 20.2
Norway	+ 8.4	+ 14.5	+ 15.6
Sweden	+ 6.3	+ 18.9	+ 53.2
Switzerland	+ 10.5	+ 30.6	+ 70.2
United Kingdom	+ 2.8	+ 13.4	+ 55.4
United States	+ 8.9	+ 12.4	+ 16.1

Changes in Cost of Living Index Numbers
First Half of 1941

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	December, 1940 and latest month available in 1941	June, 1940	August, 1939
Canada	+ 2.3	+ 5.3	+ 9.6
China	+ 18.5	+ 57.9	+ 306.1
Iceland	+ 9.2	+ 24.0	+ 50.5
Japan	+ 0.0	+ 0.8	+ 17.0
Mexico	+ 1.6	+ 1.8	+ 2.7
New Zealand	+ 1.2	+ 4.0	+ 7.1
Portugal	+ 2.6	+ 9.8	+ 14.4
Switzerland	+ 6.9	+ 14.0	+ 24.8
United Kingdom	+ 2.6	+ 10.5	+ 29.0
United States	+ 3.0	+ 2.4	+ 4.7

AUTHORITY	Dominion Bureau of Statistics						UNITED STATES		MEXICO
	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistis- tics	
No. of Commodities	567(b)	236(c)	402(c)	245(c)	322(c)	30	200	784(a)	32
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1929
1913	64.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	-	69.8	69.8	-
1920	155.9	140.0	133.1	155.7	156.8	-	154.4	154.4	-
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(a)100.0	-
1928	96.4	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	92.9	97.9	96.7	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8	96.3	95.3	-
1930	86.6	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	76.2	86.3	86.4	100.0
1931	72.1	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	59.6	71.4	73.0	103.4
1932	66.7	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	51.3	61.6	64.8	89.7
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1	64.6	66.0	84.3
1934	71.6	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0	76.6	75.0	89.8
1935	72.1	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4	83.0	80.0	94.7
1936	74.6	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3	83.7	80.8	94.5
1937	84.6	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3	90.7	86.3	100.4
1938	78.6	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3	81.2	78.6	119.1
1939	75.4	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	69.0	80.9	77.1	126.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	79.0	83.6	78.6	127.0
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	65.3	78.2	75.0	128.2
1940									129.1
July	82.6	83.7	77.7	74.9	80.7	78.7	81.9	77.7	128.9
August	82.6	83.5	77.9	73.8	81.3	78.1	81.2	77.4	127.4
September	83.0	84.0	78.3	74.3	81.6	78.2	82.0	78.0	125.7
October	83.3	84.1	78.4	74.8	81.8	78.8	83.0	78.7	125.9
November	83.9	84.8	78.8	76.1	82.4	79.8	84.4	79.6	125.8
December	84.2	85.2	79.1	76.1	83.0	79.1	85.0	80.0	124.9
1941									
January	84.6	85.5	79.7	76.6	83.4	80.1	85.8	80.8	128.2
February	85.2	85.7	80.6	77.7	83.7	81.2	85.7	80.6	130.2
March	85.9	86.2	81.3	78.9	84.2	82.3	87.1	81.5	129.4
April	86.6	87.0	81.6	79.3	85.3	83.4	89.5	83.2	131.3
May	88.5	88.6	83.3	80.9	86.8	86.5	91.8	84.9	132.9
June	90.0	90.6	84.3	81.8	88.8	88.0	93.9	87.1	135.3

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (b) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (c) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.

CONTINENT		S O U T H A M E R I C A		E U R O P E		UNITED KINGDOM		SWITZERLAND		GERMANY	
COUNTRY		ARGENTINA		CHILE		PERU		Federal Labour		Federal Statist-	
AUTHORITY		Banco de la Nacion		Official		Official		Department		tical Office	
No. of	Commodities	108	1913	1913	58	100	10 (d)	45	78	400	1913
Base Period		1926	100.0	100.0			1935	1913	July, 1914		100.0
1913		75.5	-	-			150.2	100.0	-	-	100.0
1920		-	-	-			290.5	295.3	-	-	1367 July
1926		100.0	-	-			199.1	148.0	144.5	(a) 134.4	134.4
1928		98.5	192.5	192.5	239	203	173.1	141.2	144.6	140.0	140.0
1929		96.4	192.8	192.8	192	186	166.8	135.3	141.2	137.2	137.2
1930		92.2	166.9	166.9	178	175	115.7	114.1	126.5	124.6	124.6
1931		89.0	152.2	152.2	170	170	82.9	96.5	109.7	110.9	110.9
1932		89.5	230.4	230.4	180	180	84.9	94.0	96.0	96.5	96.5
1933		85.6	346.0	346.0	188	188	90.9	93.7	91.0	93.3	93.3
1934		98.4	343.6	343.6	189	189	98.7	96.4	89.8	98.4	98.4
1935		97.0	343.3	343.3	192	192	100.0	98.9	89.8	101.8	101.8
1936		99.2	379.6	379.6	205	205	114.7	103.5	95.6	104.1	104.1
1937		112.6	454.6	454.6	205	205	134.1	120.6	111.2	105.9	105.9
1938		105.5	432.1	432.1	215	215	101.1	107.5	107.2	105.7	105.7
1939		108.2	420.7	420.7	248	248	109.4	113.2	111.2	106.9	106.9
1940		123.2	464.1	464.1	216	216	133.5	151.7	143.0	110	110
1939 - August		102.9	414.0	414.0	(c)	(c)	105.4	106.4	107.4	107	107
1940							(b)	(b)	(b)		
July		124.5	470.1	470.1	252	252	134.9	152.4	140.6	111	111
August		122.8	467.5	467.5	252	252	132.9	154.7	145.7	111	111
September		122.4	472.1	472.1	251	251	132.5	154.8	152.0	111	111
October		121.4	476.8	476.8	251	251	130.0	155.1	155.5	111	111
November		121.9	469.7	469.7	254	254	130.1	156.1	161.1	111	111
December		122.5	468.1	468.1	259	259	132.6	158.2	163.9	111	111
1941											
January		123.9	470.6	470.6	260	260	132.8	158.7	166.5	111	111
February		124.0	475.4	475.4	265	265	132.3	160.4	167.9	112	112
March		125.9	480.5	480.5	267	267	137.9	162.4	170.2	112	112
April		129.8	492.0	492.0	269	269	137.0	166.0	175.0		
May		132.7			275	275	136.1		181.1		
June							135.9				

(e) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of Month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) New index of sensitive commodities on 1935 base.
(e) Since January, 1935, new series, 1930=100. (f) 1920-29, base 1913=100.

COUNTRY	EUROPE						
	SWEDEN	DENMARK	NORWAY	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	YUGOSLAVIA	SPAIN
AUTHORITY	Commerce Depart- ment	Official	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Official	National Bank	Official
No. of Commodities	160	-	100	95	72		
Base	1935(b)	1935	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	1913	1914	1926	1913
1913	100	-	100	100	-	-	-
1920	359	-	382	-	-	-	-
1926	146	-	196	198	-	100.0	-
1928	149	-	155	157(e)	-	106.2	-
1929	140	108	148	149	-	100.6	-
1930	122	93	138	137	100.0	86.6	-
1931	111	82	123	122	86.7	72.9	-
1932	109	84	125	122	82.4	65.2	-
1933	107	90	124	122	81.6	64.4	-
1934	114	98	126	124	71.1	-	-
1935	100	100	132	127	71.3	63.2	-
1936	102	105	138	134	77.5	63.9	-
1937	114	119	161	156	79.9	68.4	-
1938	111	112	161	153	86.3	74.7	169.4
1939	115	118	159	156	86.8	78.3	187.7
1940	146	172	212	133(g)	86.3	79.3	210.3
1939 August	111	111	151	98	100.3	114.1	231.9
1940				(d) (g)	86.3	76.8	271.2
July	146	165	214	132	(f)	(a)	229.7
August	146	170	213	136	2,445	108.3	
September	149	182	215	135	2,548	121.2	270.0
October	154	185	217	138	2,691	129.4	275.2
November	158	190	224	145	2,841	132.1	281.7
December	160	191	226	147	2,892	136.6	284.6
1941					2,894	143.9	289.7
January	162	192	231	148	108.7	150.7	298.3
February	165	198	235	153	109.3	155.3	
March	169	198	238		111.2		304.6
April	170		245		112.7		310.3
May					114.7		
June							

(a) End of month. (b) 1913-34, base 1913=100. (c) June. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Average of last week of month. (g) New series beginning January, 1940 on 1938 base.

COUNTRY	INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES		CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	AFRICA	
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics of Statistics Cairo	
No. of	72	43	92	154	56					
Commodities	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1926	1913	July, 1928	1926-30	188	23	
Base	1914	1914	1913	1926	1913	June, 1929	(c)	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914	
Period										
1913			100		100.0			100.0		
1920	201	216	279		259.4			223.3	316	
1926	148	149	159		178.8			123.3	132	
1928	145	146	149		170.8			120.7	120	
1929	141	145	148		166.1	(e)	994	115.1	116	
1930	116	126	134		136.8	100.4	988	102.6	104	
1931	96	109	105		115.6	89.8	963	99.5	97	
1932	91	109	86		121.7	85.7	902	91.5	84	
1933	87	98	71		135.6	81.5	878	93.1	71	
1934	89	95	67		134.2	81.1	904	101.7	87	
1935	91	99	65		140.2	84.0	909	94.8	95	
1936	91	96	67		149.2	89.2	937	98.6	85	
1937	102	106	89		180.0	91.1	946	101.0	88	
1938	95	101	83		189.9	91.6	1021	104.4	91	
1939	108	109			209.7	94.4	1036	101.9	88	
1940	120	118					1071	113.2	100	
1939 August	100	103					1195	99.8	83	
1940	(a)		81		205.7	88.2	1084			
July	114	115		(b)			(b)			
August	115	112	97	512.3	231.1	100.7	1205	112.8	97	
September	119	113	97	507.4	231.2	102.0	1225	113.2	98	
October	121	115	99	533.9	232.7	102.3	1236	114.4	99	
November	122	118	99	569.1	233.9	103.7	1253	116.6	104	
December	120	118	100	583.9		101.1	1258	116.9	110	
1941				611.4		102.0	1268	117.2	117	
January	121	117								
February	119	116		651.2		102.6	1274	118.5	116	
March	123	120		683.3		100.3	1288	118.4	115	
April	127	122		756.3		100.2	1293	119.6	115	
May	130					101.1	1303	121.0	115	
June										

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) New series beginning January, 1939. (d) Average of ten months only. (e) Each yearly index is for period from July of current year to June of year following.

COUNTRY		NORTH AMERICA		MEXICO		EUROPE	
		UNITED STATES				UNITED KINGDOM	
		Bureau of Labour Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living		Official	
		Bureau of Labour Statistics		Bureau of Labour Statistics		Minister of Labour	
		Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Cost of Living	
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EUROPE

COUNTRY	SWITZERLAND			NORWAY			SWEDEN			DENMARK			FINLAND			GERMANY			HUNGARY		
	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns	June, 1914	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	July, 1914	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	July, 1914	Cost of Living 182 Towns	July, 1914	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns	1935	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	1913/1914	Cost of Living Budapest	Foods Budapest		
Nature of Index																					
Base Period																					
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	(e)	(e)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1913/1914	-	-	1913	1913		
1920	224	242	-	300	319	319	270	287	(e)	-	-	-	1,058	-	-	-	100	100	100		
1926	162	160	-	206	197	197	172	156	156	-	-	154(f)	145(f)	145(f)	1065(i)	1252(i)	-	-	-		
1928	161	157	-	173(a)	168(a)	168(a)	173	156	156	-	-	161	150	150	(b) 141.2	(b) 144.4	102	113	113		
1929	161	156	-	166	158	158	169	148	148	-	-	160	147	147	151.7	152.3	117	123	123		
1930	158	152	-	161	152	152	164	138	138	173	173	147	127	127	154.0	154.5	117	124	124		
1931	150	141	-	153	139	139	158	127	127	165	165	135	113	113	147.3	142.9	106	105	105		
1932	138	126	-	149	134	134	156	124	124	154	154	134	117	117	135.9	127.6	101	96	96		
1933	131	117	-	147	131	131	153	120	120	160	160	131	117	117	120.6	112.3	98	91	91		
1934	129	115	-	148	132	132	155	123	123	166	166	128	114	114	118.5	109.9	91	81	81		
1935	128	114	-	151	138	138	156	129	129	173	173	130	119	119	121.7	116.2	89	77	77		
1936	130	120	-	155	144	144	158	134	134	174	174	130	118	118	123.0	120.4	91	81	81		
1937	137	130	-	166	158	158	162	138	138	180	180	105(h)	107(h)	107(h)	124.5	122.4	96	87	87		
1938	137	130	-	171	164	164	166	143	143	182	182	108	108	108	125.1	122.3	103	94	94		
1939	138	132	-	173	167	167	169	147	147	183	183	111	112	112	125.6	122.1	103	95	95		
1940	151	146	-	116(g)	-	-	197	172	172	233	233	109	110	110	126.2	122.8	102	93	93		
1939 - August	137	131	-	-	-	-	169(i)	147(i)	147(i)	-	-	109	110	110	132	125	110	105	105		
1940	(d)	(d)	-	(c)(g)	(c)(g)	(c)(g)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127	-	107	94	94		
July	151	145	-	116	-	-	193	170	170	233	233	133	135	135	132	131	(d)	(d)	(d)		
August	151	146	-	117	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	134	138	138	133	133	110	105	105		
September	153	149	-	126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	140	140	133	133	111	105	105		
October	157	152	-	127	-	-	197	172	172	248	248	139	142	142	132	132	112	108	108		
November	159	157	-	127	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130	130	117	115	115		
December	160	158	-	131	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130	130	117	115	115		
1941			-												131	131	118	115	115		
January	163	160	-	132	-	-	204	180	180	259	259	145	-	-	132	132	119	116	116		
February	163	160	-	134	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	132	119	115	115		
March	164	161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	132	119	116	116		
April	169	167	-	-	-	-	219	197	197	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123	123	123		
May	171	171	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
June			-																		

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Last week of month. (e) New method of calculation since 1932. July of each year is given as yearly index. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index; 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Beginning 1940, new series on base 1938-100. (h) New index beginning 1937 on 1935 base. (i) July.

CONTINENT		EUROPE				AFRICA				ASIA			
COUNTRY		YUGOSLAVIA		PORTUGAL		ICELAND		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		INDIA	
Nature of Index		Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living Reykjavik	Foods	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Bombay
Base Period		1926	1926	June, 1914	Jan.-Mch. 1939	Jan.-Mch. 1939	Jan.-Mch. 1939	Jan./13 July/14	Jan./13 July/14	1938	1938	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34
1913		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920		-	-	-	-	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458	1,660	-	-
1926		100.0	100.0	-	-	160	158(b)	160	144	1,063	1,096	-	-
1928		93.3	97.1	-	-	152	144	152	146	1,069	1,088	-	-
1929		93.9	98.7	-	-	151	146	151	141	1,066	1,072	-	-
1930		86.1	88.7	2,361	-	148	141	148	123	1,041	1,024	-	-
1931		81.7	83.6	2,243	-	138	123	138	112	1,002	976	-	-
1932		75.9	76.2	1,990	-	132	112	132	101	958	891	-	-
1933		74.6	72.4	1,948	-	125	101	125	110	932	917	-	-
1934		70.8	68.1	1,968	-	127	110	127	115	945	964	-	-
1935		69.8	68.5	1,982	-	130	115	130	113	940	947	-	-
1936		69.7	69.2	2,022	-	130	113	130	111	943	942	-	-
1937		73.2	72.9	2,102	-	129	111	129	115	965	954	-	-
1938		81.3	82.2	2,037	(c)	131	115	131	112	1,000	1,000	100	103
1939		84.5	83.8	1,918	104	131	112	131	118	999	993	101	107
1940		109.4	103.8	2,009	136	143	118	143	110	1,034	1,025	106	114
1939 August		81.7	81.3	1,903	104	128	110	128	110	993	977	112	125
1940		-	-	(a)	(d)	(d)	(d)	-	-	-	-	105	112
July		106.2	98.3	1,991	132	138	114	138	114	1,036	1,026	113	127
August		110.6	103.9	2,011	131	141	116	141	116	1,035	1,022	114	129
September		116.0	111.0	2,065	146	146	118	146	118	1,041	1,026	112	125
October		121.5	117.7	2,072	160	152	125	152	125	1,050	1,049	113	127
November		128.7	126.0	2,090	161	156	130	156	130	1,045	1,033	113	127
December		133.2	130.1	2,121	161	156	128	156	128	1,044	1,028	115	128
1941		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January		138.2	136.7	2,138	167	157	129	157	129	1,050	1,040	117	131
February		141.3	140.5	2,151	168	160	131	160	131	1,053	1,048	119	132
March		-	-	2,163	174	163	135	163	135	1,063	1,061	119	134
April		-	-	2,190	172	164	135	164	135	1,072	1,084	121	138
May		-	-	2,177	178	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June		-	-	-	181	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Middle of month.
(d) First of month.

(b) July. (c) New series.

Source: Economic Research Institute of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	ASIA			OCEANIA			SOUTH AMERICA		
	CHINA		JAPAN	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND	PERU		CHILE
	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai		Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries 6 Capital Cities		Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	
Base Period	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1928 June, 1929	July, 1928 June, 1929	1926- 1930	1913	1913	March 1928
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	116.5	210	208	-
1926	100.0	100.0	217	-	-	102.6	201	182	-
1928	92.1	92.1	202	(f)	(f)	100.4	181	161	(116)
1929	107.9	98.4	203	99.7	100.1	101.3	177	159	119
1930	121.8	118.8	173	90.3	86.9	97.4	169	157	115
1931	125.9	107.5	151	83.0	80.2	84.4	158	148	103
1932	119.1	101.3	158	79.4	75.3	77.5	151	143	115
1933	107.2	86.9	161	79.4	76.1	73.2	148	139	(d)
1934	106.2	86.4	164	80.7	78.6	77.4	(c) 150	148	147
1935	106.6	89.1	170	82.3	80.7	83.5	152	147	149
1936	113.3	100.7	184	84.6	83.4	87.0	160	157	155
1937	131.8	121.5	193	86.8	85.6	95.6	170	173	(e)
1938	150.5	137.4	210	89.4	90.8	99.1	172	169	100.6
1939	196.4	189.9	238	91.3	91.9	105.2	170	159	113.4
1940	409.9	418.5	281	89.8(a)	91.4	107.6	183	174	118.3
1939 August	201.5	198.7	235	(a)	92.7	106.0	171	161	114.6
1940	-	-	(b)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	115.8
July	405.9	433.5	290	-	92.7	107.4	184	175	115.0
August	403.0	413.2	287	-	92.7	107.0	186	180	112.0
September	432.7	452.9	283	94.0	93.4	109.5	186	180	112.7
October	496.0	517.5	278	-	94.3	108.7	186	178	111.2
November	499.7	509.1	275	-	94.7	108.7	190	184	109.1
December	520.6	545.2	276	96.7	95.2	108.4	191	186	109.8
1941	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108.5
January	550.3	583.7	273	-	96.6	107.6	190	184	-
February	565.2	579.9	273	-	94.4	107.7	191	186	111.4
March	616.7	655.4	274	97.5	93.9	108.1	196	196	111.7
April	-	-	-	-	94.1	109.2	193	191	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	109.9	194	192	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.
 (e) New series. (f) Each yearly index is for the period from July of current year to June of year following.

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
SECOND HALF OF 1941

Records of world wholesale price index numbers for the second half of 1941 showed a continuation of the wartime ascent, but the slackening tendency noted in European indexes in the first half of the year became evident also in indexes on this continent.

In the United States, the Bureau of Labor Statistics index for December was 93.6, the peak of a steady climb which brought it 7.5 p.c. above June, 1941 and 17.0 p.c. above December 1940. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics Canadian wholesale index for December, on the same base, was also 93.6, but the net increase in the preceding six months was only 3.9 p.c. as compared with 11.2 p.c. for the whole year. The imposition of Maximum Price Regulations in Canada on December 1 was followed by a slight decline in this index for December.

The United Kingdom Board of Trade index rose only 2.3 p.c. from June 1941 and 1.2 p.c. from December 1940 to December 1941. Gains in the food group were largely responsible for second-half increases. This was a reversal from the first six months in which industrial materials and manufactures contributed mainly to the advance. The Swiss October index registered increases of 4.6 p.c. and 17.6 p.c. respectively over June 1941 and December 1940.

The Mexican series followed the general trend with its November index showing an increase of 5.7 p.c. for the period under review, and 14.5 p.c. for the year. In Argentina, on the other hand, the index advanced more sharply between June and November, with an increase of 19.6 p.c. as compared with 33.9 p.c. since December, 1940.

Other increases recorded during the last six months of 1941 were: India 10.2 p.c., New Zealand 3.4 p.c., Japan 2.0 p.c.

Wartime wholesale gains as noted in comparisons between August 1939 and the latest months available in 1941 were: Switzerland 79.5 p.c., Argentina 61.2 p.c., United Kingdom 58.9 p.c., Sweden 57.7 p.c., India 51.0 p.c., Union of South Africa 32.1 p.c., Canada 29.5 p.c., United States 24.8 p.c., Mexico 10.8 p.c.

WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS
SECOND HALF OF 1941

Cost-of-living trends in the second half of 1941 continued to the pattern established by earlier wholesale price increases.

The United States National Industrial Conference Board index of living costs advanced 5.3 p.c. between June and December of 1941, and the Canadian index showed a net increase of 4.8 p.c. for the same period. In both cases the largest increases were in the food and clothing groups. For the year 1941 the United States index rose 8.5 p.c. and the Canadian index 7.2 p.c.

The Ministry of Labour index for the United Kingdom, after declining fractionally in July, moved higher in November and December because of increases in the clothing group. It closed the year 0.5 p.c. above the June index and 3.1 p.c. above December 1940. The food index in December was 4.6 p.c. lower than a year ago.

Out of a yearly increase of 11.6 p.c., the Mexican index showed a rise of 8 p.c. between June and October.

Other gains in the second half of 1941 were: China 30.7 p.c., Iceland 14.2 p.c., Switzerland 4.0 p.c., New Zealand 2.2 p.c., Union of South Africa 2.0 p.c.

Comparisons between August 1939 and the latest months available in 1941 show the following wartime increases in living costs: Iceland 71.8 p.c., Switzerland 32.8 p.c., United Kingdom 29.7 p.c., Canada 14.9 p.c., Mexico 12.8 p.c., United States 10.3 p.c., New Zealand 9.8 p.c.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
SECOND HALF OF 1941

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	<u>June, 1941</u>	<u>December, 1940</u>	<u>August, 1939</u>
	<u>and latest month available in 1941</u>		
Argentina	+ 19.6	+ 33.9	+ 61.2
Canada	+ 3.9	+ 11.2	+ 29.5
China	+ 27.9	+ 86.3	+ 331.6
India	+ 10.2	+ 25.8	+ 51.0
Japan	+ 2.0	+ 8.1	+ 23.8
Mexico	+ 5.7	+ 14.5	+ 10.8
New Zealand	+ 3.4	+ 7.0	+ 25.2
Union of South Africa	+ 8.5	+ 12.5	+ 32.1
Sweden	+ 1.2	+ 9.4	+ 57.7
Switzerland	+ 4.6	+ 17.6	+ 79.5
United Kingdom	+ 2.3	+ 5.2	+ 58.9
United States	+ 7.5	+ 17.0	+ 24.8

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS
SECOND HALF OF 1941

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	<u>June, 1941</u>	<u>December, 1940</u>	<u>August, 1939</u>
	<u>and latest month available in 1941</u>		
Canada	+ 4.8	+ 7.2	+ 14.9
China	+ 30.7	+ 81.8	+ 369.7
Iceland	+ 14.2	+ 24.6	+ 71.8
Mexico	+ 9.8	+ 11.6	+ 12.8
New Zealand	+ 2.2	+ 3.8	+ 9.8
Peru	+ 5.1	+ 8.4	+ 21.1
Union of South Africa	+ 2.0	+ 5.8	+ 11.3
Switzerland	+ 4.0	+ 13.8	+ 32.8
United Kingdom	+ 0.5	+ 3.1	+ 29.7
United States	+ 5.3	+ 8.5	+ 10.3

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AUTHORITY	General Index		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Official
	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1929
No. of Commodities	567(b)		236(c)	402(c)	245(c)	322(c)	30	200	784(a)	32
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1929
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	-	69.8	69.8	-
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	-	154.4	154.4	-
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(a)100.0	-
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	92.9	97.9	96.7	-
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8	96.3	95.3	-
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	76.2	86.3	86.4	-
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	59.6	71.4	73.0	100.0
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	51.3	61.6	64.8	103.4
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1	64.6	66.0	89.7
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0	76.6	75.0	84.3
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4	83.0	80.0	89.8
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3	83.7	86.3	94.7
1937	84.6	132.1	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3	90.7	80.8	94.5
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3	81.2	78.6	100.4
1939	75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	69.0	80.9	77.1	119.1
1940	82.9	129.5	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	79.0	83.6	78.6	126.3
1939 August	72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	65.3	78.2	75.0	127.0
1941										128.2
January	84.8	132.5	85.5	79.7	76.6	83.4	80.1	85.8	80.8	128.2
February	85.4	133.4	85.7	80.6	77.7	83.7	81.2	85.7	80.6	130.2
March	86.0	134.3	86.2	81.3	78.9	84.2	82.3	87.1	81.5	129.4
April	86.8	135.6	87.0	81.6	79.3	85.3	83.4	89.5	83.2	131.3
May	88.7	138.5	88.6	83.3	80.9	86.8	86.5	91.8	84.9	132.9
June	90.1	140.7	90.6	84.3	81.8	88.8	88.0	93.9	87.1	135.3
July	91.2	142.5	92.0	84.5	82.4	90.2	89.3	95.4	88.8	137.0
August	91.9	143.5	93.3	84.5	83.3	90.8	90.8	96.9	90.3	137.6
September	93.3	145.7	95.2	85.6	84.6	92.4	91.5	98.4	91.8	140.7
October	93.9	146.7	96.7	85.7	85.3	93.2	91.3	98.3	92.4	143.3
November	94.0	146.8	96.8	85.5	85.3	93.3	91.0	98.8	92.5	143.0
December	93.6	146.2	95.5	85.8	85.5	92.4	91.7	100.3	93.6	

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (b) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (c) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.

CONTINENT		S O U T H A M E R I C A			E U R O P E		
COUNTRY		ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM		GERMANY
AUTHORITY		Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist
No. of							
Commodities		108		58			
Base Period		1926	1913	1913	200	10 (d)	45
1913		75.5	100.0	100	-	1935	1913
1920		-	-	239	(f) 307.3	150.2	100.0
1926		100.0	-	203	148.1	290.5	295.3
1928		98.5	192.5	192	140.3	199.1	148.0
1929		96.4	192.8	186	136.5	173.1	141.2
1930		92.2	166.9	178	(e) 100.0	166.2	135.3
1931		89.0	152.2	175	87.8	115.7	114.1
1932		89.5	230.4	170	85.6	82.9	96.5
1933		85.6	346.0	180	85.7	84.9	94.0
1934		98.4	343.6	188	88.1	90.9	93.7
1935		97.0	343.3	189	89.0	98.7	96.4
1936		99.2	379.6	192	94.4	100.0	98.9
1937		112.6	454.6	205	108.8	114.7	103.5
1938		105.5	432.1	205	101.4	134.1	120.6
1939		108.2	420.7	215	102.8	101.1	107.5
1940		(g) 123.4	464.1	248	136.6	109.4	113.2
1939 - august		102.9	414.0	216	98.1	133.5	151.7
1941		(g)		(c)		106.4	106.4
January		125.0	470.6	260	149.5	(b)	(b)
February		125.2	475.4	265	150.0	132.8	158.7
March		127.1	480.5	267	150.8	132.3	160.4
April		130.9	492.2	269	150.9	137.9	162.4
May		133.9	506.2	275	151.3	137.0	166.0
June		138.7	517.7	283	152.4	136.1	168.8
July		148.4	530.7	288	153.2	135.9	169.9
August		153.1		298	153.2	138.8	170.9
September		159.0		308	154.3	138.6	170.7
October		162.9		318	154.6	139.0	171.2
November		165.9		328	155.2	139.2	169.1
December					155.9	140.2	171.2
						140.5	

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) New index of sensitive commodities on 1935 base.
(e) Since January, 1935, new series, 1930=100. (f) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (g) Revised back to August, 1940.

COUNTRY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	NORWAY	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	YUGOSLAVIA	SPAIN
AUTHORITY	Commerce Depart- ment	Official	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Official	National Bank	Official
No. of Commodities	160	-	100	72	548	55	106
Base			Dec. 31/13				
Period	1935(b)	1935	June 30/14	1913	1929	1926	1913
1913	100	-	100	-	-	-	-
1920	359	-	382	-	-	-	-
1926	146	-	196	-	-	-	-
1928	149	-	155	2,973	-	100.0	-
1929	140	-	148	3,206	-	106.2	-
1930	122	108	137	3,304	-	100.6	-
1931	111	93	123	2,682	100.0	86.6	-
1932	109	82	125	2,211	86.7	72.9	-
1933	107	84	124	1,937	82.4	65.2	-
1934	114	90	126	1,731	81.6	64.4	-
1935	100	98	132	1,793	71.1	63.2	-
1936	102	100	138	1,825	71.3	65.9	-
1937	114	105	161	1,851	77.5	68.4	-
1938	111	119	161	2,088	79.9	74.7	169.4
1939	115	112	159	2,164	86.3	78.3	187.7
1940	146	118	212	2,199	86.8	79.3	210.3
1939 August	111	172	151	2,520	86.3	114.1	231.9
1941		111		2,158	100.3	76.8	271.2
January	162	192	231	(f)	86.3	(a)	229.7
February	165	198	235	(d)	109.3	(a)	304.6
March	169	198	238	148	111.2	150.7	310.3
April	170		245	153	112.7	155.3	319.8
May	171				114.7		330.6
June	173						331.6
July	173						
August	174						
September	175						
October							
November							
December							

(a) End of month. (b) 1913-34, base 1913=100. (c) June. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Average of last week of month.
 (g) New series beginning January, 1940 on 1938 base.

COUNTRY		INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES		CHINA		JAPAN		COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		SOUTH AFRICA		AFRICA	
Authority	Department of Statistics	Labour Office	Official	National Commission	Bank of	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics								
No. of Commodities	Calcutta	Bombay		Shanghai	Japan			Office	Cairo								
Base	72	43	92	154	56	180	188		23								
Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1926	1913	July, 1928-June, 1929	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914.								
1913	-	-	100	-	100.0	-	(c)	100.0	-								
1920	201	216	279	-	259.4	-	-	223.3	316								
1926	148	149	159	100.0	178.8	-	-	123.3	132								
1928	145	146	149	101.7	170.8	(e)	994	120.7	120								
1929	141	145	148	104.5	166.1	100.4	988	115.1	116								
1930	116	126	134	114.8	136.8	89.8	963	102.6	104								
1931	96	109	105	126.7	115.6	85.7	902	99.5	97								
1932	91	109	86	112.4(d)	121.7	81.5	878	91.5	84								
1933	87	98	71	103.8	135.6	81.2	904	93.1	71								
1934	89	95	67	97.1	134.2	81.4	909	101.7	87								
1935	91	99	65	96.4	140.2	84.0	937	94.8	95								
1936	91	96	67	108.5	149.2	89.2	946	98.6	85								
1937	102	106	89	129.1	180.0	91.1	1021	101.0	88								
1938	95	101	83	153.6	189.9	91.6	1036	104.4	91								
1939	108	109		242.5	209.7	94.4	1071	101.9	88								
1940	120	118		516.3	235	101.4	1195	113.2	100								
1939 August	100	103	81	264.0	205.7	88.2	1084	99.8	83								
1941 January	(a)			(b)	(f)		(b)										
January	121	117	101	651.2	237	102.3	1274	118.5	116								
February	119	116	102	683.3	240	100.1	1280	118.4	115								
March	123	120	103	756.3	243	100.0	1288	119.6	115								
April	127	122	108	843.8	245	100.9	1293	121.0	115								
May	130	123	112	889.4	246	101.3	1303	121.2	117								
June	137	127		890.6	250	101.3	1312	121.5	128								
July	150	140		941.0	249	103.5	1331	124.3	134								
August	151	144		1042.1	249	106.0	1328	126.1	136								
September	149			1139.3	249	107.8	1332	127.4	141								
October	151				255		1357	130.3	148								
November								131.8									
December																	

(a) Fifteenth of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) New series beginning January, 1939. (d) Average of ten months only. (e) Each yearly index is for period from July of current year to June of year following. (f) Re-calculated from indexes given in U.S. Federal Reserve Bulletin November and December 1940, No. 23 and 236 respectively.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA				EUROPE			
	CANADA		UNITED STATES		MEXICO		UNITED KINGDOM	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labour Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living		Minister of Labour	
Nature of Index	Foods		Cost of Living		Foods		Foods	
	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1934	1934	1914	1914
Base Period	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913
1913	88.3	79.7	70.7	136.2	-	-	-	-
1920	188.1	150.5	143.2	110.6	118.2	-	256	-
1926	133.3	121.8	126.4	105.6	104.3	-	164	179
1928	131.5	120.5	122.6	106.9	100.6	-	157	169
1929	134.7	121.7	122.5	101.7	100.1	-	154	169
1930	131.5	120.8	119.4	83.7	96.7	-	145	160
1931	103.1	109.1	108.7	69.7	87.2	-	131	147
1932	85.7	99.0	97.6	67.8	77.9	-	126	141
1933	84.9	94.4	92.4	75.3	74.9	-	120	131
1934	92.5	95.7	95.7	82.1	79.4	-	122	135
1935	94.6	96.2	98.1	83.9	82.6	100.0	125	140
1936	97.8	98.1	99.1	86.9	84.8	107.5	130	147
1937	103.2	101.2	102.7	80.7	88.5	114.4	139	156
1938	103.8	102.2	100.8	78.6	86.4	138.5	141	159
1939	100.6	101.5	99.4	79.3	85.2	153.3	141	163
1940	105.6	105.6	100.1	76.7	85.8	155.4	164	183
1939 August	99.3	100.8	(e)	78.7	84.5	157.3	137	158
1941	(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)	(d)	156.0	(c)	(d)
January	109.7	108.3	100.0	78.7	86.0	157.5	172	-
February	108.8	108.2	100.8	78.8	86.1	159.3	171	196
March	109.0	108.2	101.2	79.2	86.3	158.3	169	-
April	110.1	108.6	102.2	81.0	86.9	157.1	170	-
May	109.7	109.4	102.9	82.2	87.4	157.7	171	197
June	112.5	110.5	104.6	85.5	88.5	160.2	170	220
July	116.6	111.9	105.3	86.2	88.9	160.0	167	-
August	121.3	113.7	106.2	87.3	89.4	160.7	167	-
September	123.3	114.7	108.1	89.4	90.8	163.9	166	228
October	123.2	115.5	109.3	90.7	92.0	175.9	165	-
November	125.4	116.3	110.2	92.2	92.9	-	165	-
December	123.8	115.8	110.5	92.6	93.2	-	200	-
							201	-

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2 (b) Revised figures. (c) First of month. (d) Fifteenth of month.

(e) Quarterly prior to October, 1940. Nearest quarterly figures to August, 1939 are 98.6 for June and 100.6 for September.

COUNTRY	Period	FINLAND				GERMANY				HUNGARY			
		Cost of Living		Foods		Cost of Living		Foods		Cost of Living		Foods	
		24 towns		34 towns		24 towns		21 towns		72 towns		72 towns	
		June, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913	1913	224	242	242	300	319	270	287	1,058	1065(i)	100	1252(i)	100
1920	1920	162	160	197	206	197	172	156	145(f)	(b) 141.2	100	(b) 144.4	100
1926	1926	161	157	168(a)	173(a)	168(a)	173	156	150	151.7	102	152.3	113
1928	1928	161	156	158	166	158	169	148	147	154.0	117	154.5	128
1929	1929	158	152	152	161	152	164	138	127	147.3	117	142.1	124
1930	1930	150	141	139	153	139	158	127	113	135.9	106	127.6	105
1931	1931	138	126	134	149	134	156	124	117	120.6	101	112.3	96
1932	1932	131	117	131	147	131	153	120	117	113.5	98	109.9	91
1933	1933	129	115	132	148	132	155	123	114	121.7	91	116.2	81
1934	1934	128	114	138	151	138	156	129	119	123.0	89	120.4	77
1935	1935	130	120	144	155	144	158	134	118	124.5	91	122.4	81
1936	1936	137	130	158	166	158	162	138	107(h)	125.1	96	122.3	87
1937	1937	137	130	164	171	164	166	143	108	125.6	103	122.1	94
1938	1938	138	132	167	173	167	169	147	112	126.2	103	122.8	95
1939	1939	151	146	-	116(g)	-	197	172	110	132	110	128	105
1940	1940	137	131	-	(c) (g)	-	152(i)	147(i)	109	127	107	125	94
1941	1941	(d)	(d)	-	(c) (g)	-	-	-	-	-	(d)	-	(d)
January	January	163	160	-	132	-	204	180	145	132	119	127	116
February	February	163	160	-	134	-	-	-	-	132	119	127	115
March	March	164	161	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	119	128	116
April	April	169	167	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	119	129	123
May	May	171	171	-	-	-	219	197	-	133	123	130	123
June	June	175	178	-	-	-	-	-	-	134	131	131	131
July	July	177	179	-	-	-	-	-	-	136	134	134	134
August	August	178	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	136	136	136	136
September	September	178	181	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	133	133	133
October	October	182	185	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	128	128	128
November	November												
December	December												

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Last week of month.
 (e) New method of calculation since 1932. July of each year is given as yearly index. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index; 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Beginning 1940, new series on base 1938-100. (h) New index beginning 1937 on 1935 base. (i) July.

COUNTRY Nature of Index Base	YUGOSLAVIA		PORTUGAL		IRELAND		EGYPT		AFRICA		INDIA		PALESTINE	
	Cost of Living Belgrade	1926	Cost of Living Belgrade	June, 1914	Cost of Living Revkjavik	Jan.,-Mch. 1939	Cost of Living Cairo	Jan./13 July/14	Cost of Living 9 Towns	1938	Cost of Living Bombay	July/33 June/34	Cost of Living 3 Towns Arab Jewish	Cost of Living Jewish August 1939
Period	1926	1926	1926	1914	1939	1939	1939	1939	1938	1938	1938	1938	1937	1937
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	237	281(b)	1,450	1,450	1,040	1,040	100	103	(c)	100.0
1928	93.3	97.1	97.1	-	160	158(b)	1,096	1,096	1,048	1,048	101	107	98.0	-
1929	93.9	98.7	98.7	-	152	144	1,069	1,069	1,061	1,061	106	114	99.5	(c)
1930	86.1	88.7	88.7	-	151	146	1,066	1,066	1,084	1,084	106	114	113.9	117.7
1931	81.7	83.6	83.6	-	148	141	1,041	1,041	1,097	1,097	112	125	96.8	100.0
1932	75.9	76.2	76.2	-	138	123	1,002	1,002	1,104	1,104	105	112	128.8	128.8
1933	74.6	72.4	72.4	-	132	112	958	958	1,134	1,134	117	131	126.5	128.6
1934	70.8	68.1	68.1	-	125	101	932	932	1,061	1,061	119	134	130.1	130.1
1935	69.8	68.5	68.5	-	127	110	945	945	1,084	1,084	121	138	132.2	131.7
1936	69.7	69.2	69.2	-	130	115	940	940	1,097	1,097	122	138	133.4	133.4
1937	73.2	72.9	72.9	-	130	113	943	943	1,104	1,104	122	139	140.7	140.7
1938	81.3	82.2	82.2	-	129	111	965	965	1,111	1,111	126	145	144.4	144.4
1939	84.5	83.8	83.8	-	131	115	1,000	1,000	1,134	1,134	129	153	-	-
1940	109.4	103.8	103.8	-	131	112	999	999	1,134	1,134	129	153	-	-
1939 - August	81.7	81.3	81.3	-	143	118	1,034	1,034	1,111	1,111	129	153	-	-
1941	-	-	-	-	128	110	993	993	1,107	1,107	129	153	-	-
January	138.2	136.7	136.7	-	157	129	1,050	1,050	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
February	141.3	140.5	140.5	-	160	131	1,053	1,053	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	163	135	1,063	1,063	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	164	135	1,072	1,072	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	165	134	1,078	1,078	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	172	142	1,083	1,083	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	178	150	1,095	1,095	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	183	154	1,089	1,089	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	199	160	1,091	1,091	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	198	171	1,096	1,096	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	208	213	1,105	1,105	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	213	218	1,105	1,105	1,140	1,140	129	153	-	-
(c) Middle of month.	(b) July.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.
(d) First of month.	(b) July.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.	(c) New series.

(c) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) New series. Source: Economic Research Institute of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

(d) First of month.

CONTINENT COUNTRY Nature of Index	ASIA			JAPAN			AUSTRALIA			NEW ZEALAND			PERU			SOUTH AMERICA		
	CHINA			Foods			Foods and Groceries			Foods			Cost of Living			CHILE		
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
	Shanghai	Shanghai	Tokio	Tokio	Tokio	6 Capital Cities	6 Capital Cities	6 Capital Cities	6 Capital Cities	25 Towns	25 Towns	25 Towns	Lima	Lima	Lima	Santiago	Santiago	Santiago
Base Period	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1928	July, 1928	July, 1928	July, 1928	1926-1930	1926-1930	1926-1930	1913	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928	February 1937
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	100	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116.5	116.5	116.5	210	210	208	-	-	-
1926	100.0	100.0	199	199	217	-	-	-	-	102.6	102.6	102.6	201	201	182	-	-	-
1928	102.5	92.1	184	184	202	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	100.4	100.4	100.4	181	181	161	(108)	(116)	-
1929	107.9	98.4	181	181	203	99.7	99.7	100.1	100.1	97.4	97.4	97.4	177	177	159	109	119	-
1930	121.8	118.8	155	155	173	90.3	90.3	86.9	86.9	84.4	84.4	84.4	169	169	157	108	115	-
1931	125.9	107.5	136	136	151	83.0	83.0	80.2	80.2	77.5	77.5	77.5	158	158	148	107	103	-
1932	119.1	101.3	137	137	158	79.4	79.4	75.3	75.3	73.2	73.2	73.2	143	143	143	114	115	-
1933	107.2	86.9	146	146	161	79.4	79.4	76.1	76.1	77.4	77.4	77.4	148	148	139	141	147	-
1934	106.2	86.4	149	149	164	80.7	80.7	78.6	78.6	83.5	83.5	83.5	(c) 150	150	148	142	149	-
1935	106.6	89.1	152	152	170	82.3	82.3	80.7	80.7	87.0	87.0	87.0	152	152	147	144	155	-
1936	113.3	100.7	159	159	184	84.6	84.6	83.4	83.4	95.6	95.6	95.6	160	160	157	157	171	(e)
1937	131.8	121.5	174	174	193	86.8	86.8	85.6	85.6	99.1	99.1	99.1	170	170	173	176	205	89.8
1938	150.5	137.4	200	200	210	89.4	89.4	90.8	90.8	105.2	105.2	105.2	172	172	160	184	214	112.4
1939	196.4	189.9	224	224	238	91.3	91.3	91.9	91.9	107.6	107.6	107.6	170	170	159	187	210	119.7
1940	409.9	418.5	260	260	281	-	-	-	-	106.0	106.0	106.0	183	183	174	210	245	113.9
1939 - August	201.5	198.7	223	223	235	89.8 (a)	89.8 (a)	91.4	91.4	(b)	(b)	(b)	171	171	161	186	206	115.8
1941	-	-	(b)	(b)	(b)	(a)	(a)	-	-	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	-	-	(e)
January	550.3	583.7	260	260	273	-	-	96.6	96.6	107.6	107.6	107.6	190	190	184	216	238	108.3
February	565.2	579.9	260	260	273	-	-	94.4	94.4	107.7	107.7	107.7	191	191	186	219	243	108.3
March	616.7	655.4	261	261	274	97.5	97.5	93.9	93.9	108.1	108.1	108.1	196	196	196	225	253	109.5
April	676.2	736.0	-	-	-	-	-	94.1	94.1	109.2	109.2	109.2	193	193	191	230	261	114.4
May	758.2	866.5	-	-	-	-	-	93.0	93.0	109.9	109.9	109.9	194	194	192	238	272	113.0
June	724.0	799.7	-	-	-	98.0	98.0	92.2	92.2	109.9	109.9	109.9	197	197	196	240	273	112.4
July	761.7	836.1	-	-	-	-	-	92.1	92.1	110.1	110.1	110.1	195	195	193	244	283	108.6
August	866.4	972.8	-	-	-	-	-	92.8	92.8	109.3	109.3	109.3	197	197	194	-	-	109.9
September	946.5	1,041.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111.5	111.5	111.5	203	203	204	-	-	106.8
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	204	204	207	-	-	108.9
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	207	207	210	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114.2	114.2	114.2	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.
(e) New series. (f) Each yearly index is for the period from July of current year to June of year following.

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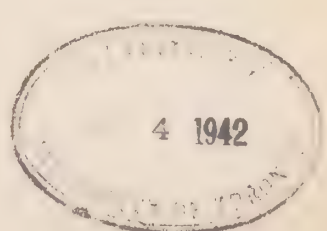
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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FIRST HALF OF 1942

In the first half of 1942 wholesale price levels continued upward, in most countries, but at a less rapid rate than in 1941. Wholesale price index increases during this period were generally between 2 and 8 p.c.; a decline of 1.4 p.c. in the New Zealand index was exceptional.

In June 1942 the wholesale index of the United States Bureau of Labor was 5.3 p.c. higher than for December 1941 and 13.2 p.c. above June 1941 level. Following the General Maximum Price Regulation, effective May 18, 1942, the May index recorded an increase of only one-tenth of a point to 98.8 which was the highest point reached since October 1926. The first decline in this series since February 1941 was recorded by the June index of 98.6. In Canada the Dominion Bureau of Statistics June index on the same base (1926=100) was 95.8, 2.4 p.c. above December 1941 and 6.3 p.c. above the previous June.

The United Kingdom Board of Trade index (1930=100) reached a wartime peak of 160.7 in May and declined to 159.8 in June, the first decrease recorded since the outbreak of war. Changes in this series were mainly accounted for by the food group; a sharp rise in February was influenced by an increase in the price of malting barley, and the June decline was also related to a reaction in barley prices.

The Swiss index for May 1942 recorded increases of 5.3 p.c. and 13.4 p.c. respectively over December and June of 1941. A wholesale index for France * showed corresponding May gains of 2.0 p.c. and 15.6 p.c.

In Mexico a wartime peak of 150.5 (1929=100) in May was followed by a decline to 148.4 in June. This index showed a 9.7 p.c. increase for the preceding twelve months, and 5.5 p.c. advance for the period under review. Wholesale prices in Argentina moved upward less sharply in the opening months of 1942, indicating a December - April increase of 7.9 p.c. as compared with a 31.9 p.c. increase since June 1941.

The New Zealand series, after declining slightly at the beginning of the year, advanced in April, but the index for that month remained 1.4 p.c. below December 1941, and it was only 3.5 p.c. above June 1941.

Comparisons of August 1939 indexes and those for the latest months available in the first half of 1942 indicated the following wartime gains: France * 100 p.c., Switzerland 94.8 p.c., Argentina 77.9 p.c., Hungary 66.9 p.c., Sweden 65.8 p.c., United Kingdom 62.9 p.c., Union of South Africa 36.2 p.c., Canada 32.5 p.c., United States 31.5 p.c., New Zealand 25.3 p.c., Mexico 14.9 p.c.

WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS
FIRST HALF OF 1942

Cost-of-living index numbers in the first half of 1942 reflected the easing tendency shown in earlier wholesale price increases.

Living costs in the United States advanced 5.3 p.c. between December 1941 and June 1942 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics index, and 11.3 p.c. for the last twelve months. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index for Canada declined slightly at the first of the year and then rose gradually to register a June increase of 0.8 p.c. over December 1941 and 5.6 p.c. over June 1941.

The United Kingdom Ministry of Labour index fluctuated narrowly around the level maintained for the past year, the June 1942 figure being 0.5 p.c. below June 1941 and 1.0 p.c. below December 1941. The food group showed a decline of 3.6 p.c. since the end of 1941.

The Swiss cost of living in May was higher by 4.3 p.c. and 9.7 p.c. respectively than December and June of 1941. A May index for France * was 2.7 p.c. and 8.5 p.c. above 1941 December and June levels. The New Zealand index for April showed a decline of 1.5 p.c. since the end of 1941.

Wartime gains in living costs as shown in comparisons between August, 1939 and the latest months available in the first half of 1942 were: Iceland 76.7 p.c., France * 54.0 p.c., Switzerland 40.1 p.c., United Kingdom 28.4 p.c., Mexico 18.8 p.c., United States, Bureau of Labor, 18.1 p.c., Union of South Africa 17.5 p.c., Canada 15.8 p.c., New Zealand 8.8 p.c.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
FIRST HALF OF 1942

Percentage Change Between

Country	December, 1941	June, 1941	August, 1939
	<u>and latest month available to June, 1942</u>		
Argentina	+ 7.9	+ 31.9	+ 77.9
Canada	+ 2.4	+ 6.3	+ 32.5
France *	+ 2.0	+ 15.6	+100.0
Hungary	+ 6.6	+ 25.9	+ 69.8
Mexico	+ 5.5	+ 9.7	+ 14.9
New Zealand	- 1.4	+ 3.5	+ 25.3
Sweden	+ 2.8	+ 6.4	+ 65.8
Switzerland	+ 5.3	+ 13.4	+ 94.8
Union of South Africa	+ 3.7	+ 11.9	+ 36.2
United Kingdom	+ 2.5	+ 4.9	+ 62.9
United States	+ 5.3	+ 13.2	+ 31.5

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS
FIRST HALF OF 1942

Percentage Change Between

Country	December, 1941	June, 1941	August, 1939
	<u>and latest month available to June, 1942</u>		
Canada	+ 0.8	+ 5.6	+ 15.8
France *	+ 2.7	+ 8.5	+ 54.0
Iceland	+ 2.8	+17.4	+ 76.7
Mexico	+ 3.2	+15.7	+ 18.8
New Zealand	- 1.5	+ 1.3	+ 8.8
Switzerland	+ 4.3	+ 9.7	+ 40.1
Union of South Africa	+ 5.5	+ 7.8	+ 17.5
United Kingdom	- 1.0	- 0.5	+ 28.4
United States (Bureau of Labor)	+ 5.3	+11.3	+ 18.1

* The figures quoted were computed by M. J. Dessirier on the base August 1939=, and republished in the League of Nations Bulletin of Statistics for July 1942.

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UNITED STATES

AUTHORITY

General Index

Producers' Goods

Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods

Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods

Industrial Material Prices Composite Index

Irving Fisher

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Official

No. of

Commodities

Base Period

5-7(b)

1913

216(c)

1926

377(c)

1926

221(c)

1926

312(c)

1926

30

1926

200

1926

784(a)

1926

32

1929

1913

100.0

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67.4

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64.8

-

69.8

69.8

-

1920

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140.0

163.1

155.7

156.8

-

154.4

154.4

-

1926

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(a) 100.0

-

1928

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97.4

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92.9

97.9

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-

1929

95.6

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96.3

97.5

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91.8

96.3

95.3

-

1930

86.6

89.3

82.8

82.2

87.3

76.2

86.3

86.4

103.4

1931

72.1

76.5

67.8

61.9

74.9

59.6

71.4

73.0

89.7

1932

66.7

71.3

63.1

55.0

69.8

51.3

61.6

64.8

84.3

1933

67.1

71.1

63.1

56.6

70.2

54.1

64.6

66.0

89.8

1934

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74.1

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63.5

73.4

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75.0

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1935

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1936

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1939

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1941

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August

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62.8

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65.3

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75.0

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July

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August

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September

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October

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November

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December

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1942

January

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February

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102.8

96.7

141.7

March

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93.3

103.7

97.6

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April

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May

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June

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CONTINENT		S O U T H A M E R I C A				E U R O P E		
COUNTRY	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM	SWITZERLAND	GERMANY		
AUTHORITY	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Federal Labour Department	Federal Statistical Office
No. of	108		58	200	10(d)	45	78	400
Commodities	1926	1913	1913	1930	1935	1913	July, 1914	1913
1913	75.5	100.0	100	-	150.2	100.0	-	100.0
1920	-	-	239	(f) 307.3	290.5	295.3	-	1367 July
1926	100.0	-	203	148.1	199.1	148.0	144.5	(a) 134.4
1928	98.5	192.5	192	140.3	173.1	141.2	144.6	140.0
1929	96.4	192.8	186	136.5	166.2	135.3	141.2	137.2
1930	92.2	166.9	178	(e) 100.0	115.7	114.1	126.5	124.6
1931	89.0	152.2	175	87.8	82.9	96.5	109.7	110.9
1932	89.5	230.4	170	85.6	84.9	94.0	96.0	96.5
1933	85.6	346.0	180	85.7	90.9	93.7	91.0	93.3
1934	98.4	343.6	188	88.1	98.7	96.4	89.8	98.4
1935	97.0	343.3	189	89.0	100.0	98.9	89.8	101.8
1936	99.2	379.6	192	94.4	114.7	103.5	95.6	104.1
1937	112.6	454.6	205	108.8	134.1	120.6	111.2	105.9
1938	105.5	432.1	205	101.4	101.1	107.5	107.1	105.7
1939	108.2	420.7	215	102.8	109.4	113.2	111.2	106.9
1940	123.4	464.1	248	136.6	133.5	151.7	143.0	110
1941	145.1	541.3	230	152.6	137.4	167.6	183.5	
1939 August	102.9	414.0	(c)		(b)	(b)	(b)	
1941 July	(g) 148.5	530.7	216	98.1	106.4	106.4	107.4	107
August	(g) 153.3	552.8	288	153.2	138.8	170.9	187.5	112
September	(g) 159.3	580.2	298	153.2	138.6	170.7	189.4	113
October	(g) 163.3	618.2	308	154.3	139.0	171.2	191.0	113
November	(g) 166.3	627.6	318	154.6	139.2	169.1	192.8	
December	(g) 169.7	643.0	329	155.2	140.2	171.2	197.6	
1942 January	175.0	643.0	329	155.9	140.5	172.4	198.7	
February	177.6	660.5	335	156.4	141.2	174.8	201.8	
March	179.0	665.3	349	158.5	141.6	180.5	204.8	
April	183.1	680.5	352	158.8	140.9	180.6	206.6	
May				159.6	141.3	181.8	207.8	
June				160.7	141.3	184.2	209.2	
				159.8	141.4	181.6		

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) New index of sensitive commodities on 1935 base.
 (e) Since January, 1935, new series 1930 = 100. (f) 1920-29, base 1913 = 100. (g) Revised.

COUNTRY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NORWAY		FINLAND		HUNGARY		YUGOSLAVIA		SPAIN	
AUTHORITY	Commerce Department	Official	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Official	Official	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official			
No. of Commodities	160	-	100	95	-	-	548	-	-	55	-	106			
Base			Dec. 31/13												
Period	1935(b)	1935	June 30/14	1938(g)	1929(f)	1929	1926	1913							
1912	100	-	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
1920	359	-	382	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
1926	146	-	196	198	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	-	-			
1928	149	-	155	157(e)	-	-	-	-	-	106.2	-	-			
1929	140	108	148	149	-	-	-	-	-	100.6	-	-			
1930	122	93	138	137	-	-	-	-	-	86.6	-	-			
1931	111	82	123	122	-	-	-	-	-	72.9	-	-			
1932	109	84	125	122	-	-	-	-	-	65.2	-	-			
1933	107	90	124	122	-	-	-	-	-	64.4	-	-			
1934	114	98	126	124	-	-	-	-	-	63.2	-	-			
1935	100	100	132	127	-	-	-	-	-	65.9	-	-			
1936	102	105	138	134	-	-	-	-	-	68.4	-	-			
1937	114	119	161	156	-	-	-	-	-	74.7	-	-			
1938	111	112	161	153	113	105	86.3	79.9	169	78.3	169	169			
1939	115	118	159	156	105	86.8	78.3	188	188	79.3	188	188			
1940	146	172	212	133	111	86.3	79.3	210	232	114.1	210	210			
1941	172	203	-	163	149	100.3	114.1	271	271	-	271	271			
				(d)	183	123	-	239	239	(a)	239	239			
1939 August	111	111	151	98	-	86.3	(a)	230	230	76.8	230	230			
1941 May	171	201(c)		164(c)	184	115		332	332		332	332			
June	173	202		166	188	116		329	329		329	329			
July	173	205		167	189	125		346	346		346	346			
August	174	207		167	191	130		346	346		346	346			
September	175	208		169	194	133		348(c)	348(c)		348(c)	348(c)			
October	176	207		169	194	133		356	356		356	356			
November	178	208		170	194	135		364	364		364	364			
December	179	209		170	194	137		369	369		369	369			
1942 January	181	210		170	194	140		367	367		367	367			
February	183	211		171	194	142		365	365		365	365			
March	184	211		171	194	144		363	363		363	363			
April	186	211		171	194	146									
May	187	211		171	194										

(a) End of month. (b) 1913-34, base 1913 = 100. (c) This and subsequent indexes are calculated from corresponding series published in the League of Nations Bulletin of Statistics. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Published in the League of Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics. (g) Yearly indexes prior to 1940 are on 1913 base.

CONTINENT			ASIA			OCEANIA			AFRICA		
COUNTRY	INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT		
AUTHORITY	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo		
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	154	56		180	188	23		
Base Period	July 1914	July 1914	1913	1926	1913	July, 1928-June, 1929	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914.		
1913	-	216	100	-	100.0	-	(c)	100.0	-		
1920	201	216	279	-	259.4	-	-	223.3	216		
1926	148	149	159	100.0	178.8	-	-	123.3	132		
1928	145	146	149	101.7	170.8	(e)	994	120.7	120		
1929	141	145	148	104.5	166.1	100.4	988	115.1	116		
1930	116	126	134	114.8	136.8	89.8	963	102.6	104		
1931	96	109	105	126.7	115.6	85.7	902	99.5	97		
1932	91	103	86	112.4(d)	121.7	81.5	878	91.5	84		
1933	87	98	71	103.8	135.6	81.1	904	93.1	71		
1934	89	95	67	97.1	134.2	81.4	909	101.7	87		
1935	91	99	65	96.4	140.2	84.0	937	94.8	95		
1936	91	96	67	108.5	149.2	89.2	946	98.6	85		
1937	102	106	89	129.1	180.0	91.1	1021	101.0	88		
1938	95	101	83	153.6	189.9	91.7(g)	1036	104.4	91		
1939	108	109		242.5	209.7	95.1(g)	1071	101.9	88		
1940	120	118		516.3	235	102.3(g)	1195	113.2	100		
1941	139	137		(b)	(f)		1311	124.3	130		
1939 August	(a)	103	81	264.0	205.7	88.2	(b)	(h) 99.8	83		
1941 July	100	140	121	941.0	249	104.4(g)	1084	124.3	134		
August	150	144	124	1049.1	249	106.5(g)	1321	126.1	136		
September	149	145	127	1139.3	249	108.4(g)	1328	127.4	141		
October	151	152	131		255	108.5	1332	130.3	148		
November	157	162	133			108.2	1345	131.8	148		
December	154	180				107.3	1357	131.1	148		
1942 January	155	184				108.1	1377	132.3	154		
February	153	194				109.4	1361	132.8	161		
March		197				110.2	1352	133.0	159		
April						112.2	1357	133.6			
May							1358	135.9			
June											

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) New series beginning January, 1939. (d) Average of ten months only. (e) Each yearly index is for period from July of current year to June of year following. (f) Re-calculated from indexes given in U.S. Federal Reserve Bulletin. (g) Revised. (h) July, 1939.

Nature of Index	CANADA			UNITED STATES			MEXICO			UNITED KINGDOM			EUROPE			EIRE		
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics			Bureau of Labor Statistics			National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living			Official			Minister of Labour			105 Towns & Localities		
	Foods			Foods			Board, Cost of Living			Foods			Foods			Foods		
	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1934	1934	1934	1934	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913	106.3	79.7	79.7	79.9	70.7													
1920	106.1	150.5	150.5	168.5	143.0		118.2			256		249						
1926	133.3	121.8	121.8	137.4	126.4		104.3			164		172				179		185
1928	131.5	120.5	120.5	130.8	122.6		100.6			157		166				169		174
1929	134.7	121.7	121.7	132.5	122.5		100.1			154		164				169		176
1930	131.5	120.8	120.8	126.0	119.4		96.7			145		158				160		171
1931	103.1	109.1	109.1	103.9	108.7		87.2			131		147				147		161
1932	85.7	99.0	99.0	86.5	97.6		77.9			126		144				141		157
1933	84.9	94.4	94.4	84.1	92.4		74.9			120		140				131		151
1934	92.5	95.7	95.7	93.7	95.7		79.7			122		141				135		152
1935	94.6	96.2	96.2	100.4	98.1		82.6		100.0	107.5	100.0	107.5				140		155
1936	97.8	98.1	98.1	101.3	99.1		84.8		107.5	113.6	113.6	114.4				147		160
1937	106.2	101.2	101.2	105.3	102.7		88.5		136.7	138.5	138.5	138.5				156		170
1938	103.8	102.2	102.2	97.8	100.8		86.4		157.9	153.3	153.3	153.3				159		173
1939	100.6	101.5	101.5	95.2	99.4		85.2		156.2	155.4	155.4	155.4				163		178
1940	105.6	105.6	105.6	96.5	100.2		85.8		153.6	157.3	157.3	157.3				183		205
1941	116.1	111.7	111.7	105.5(a)	105.2(a)		89.1		158.5	163.9	163.9	163.9				202		226
1939 August	99.3	(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)		(d)			(c)		(c)				(d)		(d)
1941 July	116.6	100.8	100.8	93.5	98.6		84.5		157.4	156.0	156.0	156.0				158		173
August	121.3	111.9	111.9	106.7	105.3		88.9		154.0	160.0	160.0	160.0				-		-
September	123.3	113.7	113.7	108.0	106.2		89.4		154.7	160.7	160.7	160.7				201		228
October	123.2	114.7	114.7	110.8	108.1		90.8		158.5	163.9	163.9	163.9				-		-
November	125.4	115.5	115.5	111.6	109.3		92.0		168.9	175.9	175.9	175.9				-		-
December	123.8	116.3	116.3	113.1	110.2		92.9		170.4	177.1	177.1	177.1				212		237
1942 January	122.3	115.8	115.8	113.1	110.5		93.2		170.4	179.5	179.5	179.5				-		-
February	123.1	115.4	115.4	116.2	112.0		94.5		170.1	177.4	177.4	177.4				-		-
March	123.7	115.7	115.7	116.8	112.9		95.1		168.4	175.8	175.8	175.8				209		237
April	123.7	115.9	115.9	118.6	114.3		96.1		172.1	179.5	179.5	179.5				-		-
May	124.3	116.1	116.1	119.6	115.1		97.1		176.3	185.3	185.3	185.3				-		-
June	126.2	116.7	116.7	121.6	116.0		97.3									208		240
				123.2	116.4		97.3									159		

(a) Average of months. (b) Revised figures. (c) First of month. (d) Fifteenth of month.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE									
	SWITZERLAND		NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		FINLAND	
	Cost of Living 34 Towns June, 1914	Foods 34 Towns June, 1914	Cost of Living 31 Towns July, 1914(g)	Foods 31 Towns July, 1914	Cost of Living 49 Towns July, 1914	Foods 49 Towns July, 1914	Cost of Living 182 Towns July, 1914	Cost of Living 21 Towns July, 1914	Cost of Living 72 Towns 1913/1914	Foods 72 Towns 1913/1914
Index Base Period										
1913	-	-	-	-	(e)	(e)	-	-	1913/1914	1913/1914
1920	224	242	300	319	270	287	-	-	-	-
1926	162	160	206	197	172	156	-	1,058	1,066(i)	1,252(i)
1928	161	157	173(a)	168(a)	173	156	-	145(f)	(b)141.2	(b)144.4
1929	161	156	166	158	169	148	-	150	151.7	152.3
1930	158	152	161	152	164	138	173	147	154.0	154.5
1931	150	141	153	139	158	127	165	147	147.3	142.9
1932	138	126	149	134	156	124	154	135	135.9	127.6
1933	131	117	147	131	153	120	154	134	120.6	112.3
1934	129	115	148	132	155	123	160	131	118.5	109.9
1935	128	114	151	138	156	129	166	128	121.7	116.2
1936	130	120	155	144	158	134	173	130	123.0	120.4
1937	137	130	166	158	162	138	174	130	124.5	122.4
1938	137	130	171	164	166	143	180	105(h)	125.1	122.3
1939	138	132	173	167	169	147	182	108	125.6	122.1
1940	151	146	116(g)	167	197	172	183	111	126.2	122.8
1941	174	175	(j) 139	-	(j) 218	172	233	132	132	128
1939	(d)	(d)	(c)	-	(j) 221	147(i)	263	(j) 155	133	129
1941	137	131	(j) 140	-	169(i)	-	-	-	127	125
August	177	179	141	-	(j) 221	147(i)	277	(j) 154	136	134
August	178	180	141	-	-	-	-	158	136	133
September	178	181	142	-	-	-	-	159	133	128
October	182	185	143	-	228	-	279	159	132	126
November	184	188	144	-	-	-	-	163	132	126
December	184	189	144	-	-	-	-	163	132	126
January	186	191	145	-	236	-	279	163	132	126
February	188	194	145	-	-	-	-	168	-	-
March	189	195	146	-	-	-	-	169	-	-
April	191	197	147	-	-	-	-	173	-	-
May	191	197	147	-	-	-	-	177	-	-
June	192	199	147	-	-	-	-	179	-	-

- (a) Since 1928, new series.
 (b) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices.
 (c) Fifteenth of month.
 (d) Last week of month.
 (e) New method of calculation since 1932. July of each year is given as yearly index.
 (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index; 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base.
 (g) Beginning 1940, new series on base 1938=100.
 (h) New index beginning 1937 on 1935 base.
 (i) July. For 1941 and 1942 these index numbers are calculated from corresponding series published in the League of Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE			AFRICA			ASIA		
	YUGOSLAVIA			PORTUGAL			ICELAND		
	Cost of Living			Cost of Living			Cost of Living		
	Belgrade	Foods	Belgrade	June, 1914	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Reykjavik	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
Base	1926	1926	1926	1914	Jan., -Mch. 1939	Jan., -Mch. 1939	Jan., -Mch. 1939	Jan., -Mch. 1939	Jan., -Mch. 1939
Period	1926	1926	1926	1914	Jan., -Mch. 1939	Jan., -Mch. 1939	Jan., -Mch. 1939	Jan., -Mch. 1939	Jan., -Mch. 1939
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	237	281(b)	-	1,458	1,660
1928	93.3	97.1	97.1	-	160	158(b)	-	1,063	1,096
1929	93.9	98.7	98.7	-	152	144	-	1,069	1,088
1930	86.1	88.7	88.7	-	151	146	-	1,066	1,072
1931	81.7	83.6	83.6	-	148	141	-	1,041	1,024
1932	75.9	76.2	76.2	-	138	123	-	1,002	976
1933	74.6	72.4	72.4	-	132	112	-	958	891
1934	70.8	68.1	68.1	-	125	101	-	932	917
1935	69.8	68.5	68.5	-	127	110	-	945	964
1936	69.7	69.2	69.2	-	120	115	-	940	947
1937	73.2	72.9	72.9	-	120	113	-	943	942
1938	81.5	82.2	82.2	-	129	111	-	965	954
1939	84.5	83.8	83.8	-	131	115	-	1,000	1,000
1940	109.4	103.8	103.8	-	131	112	-	999	993
1941	-	-	-	-	143	118	-	1,034	1,025
1939	81.7	81.3	81.3	-	177	147	-	1,082	1,099
1941	-	-	-	-	128	110	-	993	977
August	-	-	-	-	178	150	-	1,095	1,134
July	-	-	-	-	183	154	-	1,089	1,111
August	-	-	-	-	189	160	-	1,091	1,107
September	-	-	-	-	198	171	-	1,096	1,120
October	-	-	-	-	193	160	-	1,105	1,140
November	-	-	-	-	196	157	-	1,106	1,138
December	-	-	-	-	200	163	-	1,135	1,154
January	-	-	-	-	206	169	-	1,143	1,172
February	-	-	-	-	212	173	-	1,150	1,183
March	-	-	-	-	227	225	-	1,156	1,198
April	-	-	-	-	225	225	-	1,167	1,220
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	81.7	81.3	81.3	-	128	110	-	993	977
1941	-	-	-	-	178	150	-	1,095	1,134
August	-	-	-	-	183	154	-	1,089	1,111
September	-	-	-	-	189	160	-	1,091	1,107
October	-	-	-	-	198	171	-	1,096	1,120
November	-	-	-	-	193	160	-	1,105	1,140
December	-	-	-	-	196	157	-	1,106	1,138
January	-	-	-	-	200	163	-	1,135	1,154
February	-	-	-	-	206	169	-	1,143	1,172
March	-	-	-	-	212	173	-	1,150	1,183
April	-	-	-	-	227	225	-	1,156	1,198
May	-	-	-	-	225	225	-	1,167	1,220
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	81.7	81.3	81.3	-	128	110	-	993	977
1941	-	-	-	-	178	150	-	1,095	1,134
August	-	-	-	-	183	154	-	1,089	1,111
September	-	-	-	-	189	160	-	1,091	1,107
October	-	-	-	-	198	171	-	1,096	1,120
November	-	-	-	-	193	160	-	1,105	1,140
December	-	-	-	-	196	157	-	1,106	1,138
January	-	-	-	-	200	163	-	1,135	1,154
February	-	-	-	-	206	169	-	1,143	1,172
March	-	-	-	-	212	173	-	1,150	1,183
April	-	-	-	-	227	225	-	1,156	1,198
May	-	-	-	-	225	225	-	1,167	1,220
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) New series. Source: Economic Research Institute of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.
(d) First of month.

CONTINENT COUNTRY Nature of Index	ASIA			OCEANIA			SOUTH AMERICA		
	CHINA		JAPAN	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND	PERU		CHILE
	Cost of Living Shanghai	Cost of Living Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Groceries 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Cost of Living Lima	Cost of Living Santiago
Base Period	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1929	July, 1928 June, 1928	1926- 1930	1913	1913	March 1928
1913	-	-	-	-	-	101.9	100	100	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	101.0	210	208	-
1926	100.0	100.0	217	-	-	102.6	201	182	-
1928	102.5	92.1	202	(f)	(f)	100.4	181	161	(116)
1929	107.5	98.4	203	99.7	100.1	100.6	177	139	119
1930	121.8	118.8	173	90.3	86.9	100.4	169	157	115
1931	125.9	107.5	151	83.0	80.2	90.6	158	148	103
1932	119.1	101.3	158	79.4	75.3	83.8	151	143	115
1933	107.2	86.9	161	79.4	76.1	73.2	148	139	147
1934	106.6	86.4	149	80.7	78.6	80.8	150	148	149
1935	106.6	89.1	170	82.3	80.7	83.7	152	147	155
1936	113.3	100.7	184	84.6	83.4	86.4	160	157	171
1937	131.3	121.5	193	86.8	85.6	92.2	170	173	205
1938	150.5	137.4	200	89.4	90.8	95.1	172	169	214
1939	196.4	189.9	224	91.3	91.9	99.0	170	159	210
1940	409.9	418.5	260	96.6	93.9	103.5	183	174	245
1941	-	-	(b)	-	-	107.3	198	197	281
1939	201.5	198.7	235	(a)	91.0	99.5	171	161	206
1941	761.7	836.1	(g) 263	-	92.1	106.9	195	193	283
August	866.4	972.8	263	-	92.8	107.3	197	194	288
September	946.5	1,041.4	261	98.9	93.5	108.0	203	204	311
October	-	-	-	-	94.4	108.0	204	207	316
November	-	-	263	-	94.2	109.3	207	210	315
December	-	-	269	100.9	94.9	109.9	211	211	314
January	-	-	269	-	96.5	109.4	215	212	316
February	-	-	269	-	98.2	108.0	220	219	322
March	-	-	269	103.2	99.8	107.8	220	218	336
April	-	-	-	-	101.0	108.3	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent. (e) New series. (f) Each yearly index is for the period from July of current year to June of year following. (g) This and following index numbers are calculated from corresponding series published in League of Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
SECOND HALF OF 1942

World wholesale price levels continued upward in the second half of 1942, but with generally smaller increases than were recorded during the first half of the year.

Wholesale price series for the United States and Canada closed the fortieth month of war (December 1942) with approximately equal wartime gains, but their behaviour during 1942 differed somewhat. The United States Bureau of Labor index showed increases of $2\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. from June to December and 8 p.c. for the year, while the December index for Canada was about 1 p.c. above June 1942 and $3\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. higher than December, 1941.

June-November increases of 4 p.c. for Argentina and $2\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. for Mexico showed decided abatement in their rate of advance when compared with corresponding increases of 16 p.c. and 8 p.c. for the year.

The United Kingdom Board of Trade wholesale index, advancing 1 p.c. between June and December, attained a slightly higher wartime peak which was $3\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. above December, 1941.

In the far East, the Australian series also evidenced diminishing gains with June-December increase of only 0.2 p.c., in contrast to a net 1942 advance of 12 p.c. The New Zealand index recorded an October gain of about 1 p.c. over June, 1942 and 1 p.c. over December, 1941.

Exceptions to the general rule were found in index numbers for the Union of South Africa and India. The South African November index was 7 p.c. above the June, 1942 level, while in India the Calcutta index continued sharply upward with a 25 p.c. increase for the June-November period, and 47 p.c. increase for the year.

Latest available 1942 indexes showed the following wholesale gains since August, 1939: India, 127 p.c., Switzerland 97 p.c., Argentina 91 p.c., United Kingdom 65 p.c., Union of South Africa 49 p.c., Australia 40 p.c., United States 35 p.c., New Zealand 34 p.c., Canada 34 p.c., Mexico 18 p.c.

WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS
SECOND HALF OF 1942.

In the second half of 1942 upward trends of world cost-of-living indexes continued to be generally in accord with patterns of the first half. Advances ranged between less than 1 p.c. and 6 p.c., Iceland being a notable exception with an increase of 49 p.c. between June and December of 1942.

The cost of living in the United States as registered by the Bureau of Labor index, rose less rapidly in the second half of 1942, with a $3\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. gain over June as compared with 9 p.c. for the year. The Canadian series, on the other hand, recorded an increase of almost 2 p.c. between June and December, as against $2\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. for the year. In both cases foods continued mainly responsible for increases.

The Ministry of Labour index for the United Kingdom revealed small divergence from levels maintained for the past eighteen months. A June-December gain of 0.5 p.c. brought the index to a point 0.5 p.c. below the peak which was reached in December, 1941, and again in August, 1942. Decreases in the clothing group during the past six months were offset by increases in all other groups except rents. The 1942 average for foods, however, was lower than the averages of 1941 and 1940.

The Mexican series in December was $5\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. higher than June and 11 p.c., higher than December, 1941.

South African and Australian cost-of-living indexes recorded June-November increases of 2 p.c. and 4 p.c. respectively, and about 9 p.c. each during the year.

Cost-of-living increases noted for the entire wartime period were: Iceland 164 p.c., United Kingdom 29 p.c., Mexico 28 p.c., Australia 23 p.c., United States 22 p.c., South Africa 21 p.c., Canada 18 p.c., New Zealand 14 p.c.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

Second Half of 1942

Country	Percentage Change Between --		
	June, 1942	December, 1941	August, 1939
	-- and latest month available in 1942 --		
Argentina	+ 4.1	+ 15.7	+ 90.8
Australia	+ 0.2	+ 12.0	+ 39.8
Canada	+ 1.3	+ 3.6	+ 34.2
India	+ 24.7	+ 47.4	+127.0
Mexico	+ 2.6	+ 8.2	+ 18.0
New Zealand	+ 0.9	+ 5.7	+ 34.3
Switzerland	+ 1.1	+ 6.6	+ 97.2
Union of South Africa	+ 7.1	+ 13.3	+ 48.8
United Kingdom	+ 1.1	+ 3.6	+ 64.6
United States	+ 2.4	+ 7.9	+ 34.7

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

Second Half of 1942

Country	Percentage Change Between --		
	June, 1942	December, 1941	August, 1939
	-- and latest month available in 1942		
Australia	+ 3.8	+ 9.0	+ 22.5
Canada	+ 1.8	+ 2.6	+ 17.9
Iceland	+ 48.6	+ 53.7	+164.1
Mexico	+ 5.6	+ 11.0	+ 27.7
New Zealand	+ 2.8	+ 2.7	+ 13.5
Union of South Africa	+ 1.9	+ 8.7	+ 21.0
United Kingdom	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 29.0
United States	+ 3.4	+ 9.0	+ 22.1

COUNTRY	AUTHORITY	C A N A D A										UNITED STATES		MEXICO
		Dominion Bureau of Statistics					Bureau of Labor Statistics							
		General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index	Irving Fisher						
	No. of Commodities	526(b)	215	377	223	302	30							
	Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926							
1913		64.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	-	200	889(a)	32				
1920		155.9	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	-	1926	1926	1929				
1926		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	69.8	154.4	-				
1928		96.4	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	100.0	100.0	(a)100.0	-				
1929		95.6	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	92.9	97.9	96.7	-				
1930		86.6	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	91.8	96.3	95.3	-				
1931		72.1	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	76.2	86.3	86.4	-				
1932		66.7	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	59.6	71.4	73.0	-				
1933		67.1	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	51.3	61.6	64.8	-				
1934		71.6	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	54.1	64.6	66.0	-				
1935		72.1	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	60.0	76.6	75.0	-				
1936		74.6	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	62.4	83.0	80.0	-				
1937		84.6	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	67.3	83.7	80.8	-				
1938		78.6	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	80.3	90.7	86.3	-				
1939		75.4	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	66.3	81.2	78.6	-				
1940		82.9	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	69.0	80.9	77.1	-				
1941		90.0	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	79.0	83.6	78.6	-				
1939 August		72.3	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	87.3	93.5	87.3	-				
1942 January		94.3	95.3	86.7(c)	87.2	92.0	65.3	78.2	75.0	-				
February		94.6	94.9	87.3(c)	87.8	91.7	92.4	102.2	96.0	-				
March		95.1	95.4	87.4	88.4	92.1	93.2	102.8	96.7	-				
April		95.0	95.1	87.7	88.6	91.9	93.3	103.7	97.6	-				
May		95.2	95.1	88.3	89.4	91.6	93.5	105.7	98.7	-				
June		95.8	96.0	88.7	90.5	91.5	94.2	106.5	98.8	-				
July		96.0	96.6	88.0	90.4	91.9	94.8	106.6	98.6	-				
August		95.5	95.3	88.7	89.7	91.8	94.6	108.3	98.7	-				
September		96.0	96.0	89.2	91.4	92.0	94.3	107.5	99.2	-				
October		96.8	96.9	89.3	93.1	92.2	94.8	107.5	99.6	-				
November		96.2	97.3	89.5	93.5	92.4	95.0	108.2	100.0	-				
December		97.0	97.1	90.0	93.5	92.6	94.9	108.5	100.3	-				
1941		151.5	151.5	151.5	151.5	151.5	95.1	109.2	101.0	-				

a) No. of commodities changed from 350 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941. (b) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1942 to 526. (c) Revised.

COUNTRY		ARGENTINA		CHILE		PERU		UNITED KINGDOM		EUROPE	
AUTHORITY		Banco de la Nacion		Official		Official		Board of Trade		Statist	
No. of		108		1913		58		200		45	
Commodities		1926		100.0		1913		(f) 307.3		1913	
Base Period		75.5		1913		100		-		1913	
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AUTHORITY		Banco de la Nacion		Official		Official		Board of Trade		Statist	
No. of		108		1913		58		200		45	
Commodities		1926		100.0		1913		(f) 307.3		1913	
Base Period		75.5		1913		100		-		1913	
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(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Index of sensitive commodities. (e) Since January, 1935, new series 1930 = 100. (f) 1920-29, base 1913 = 100. Corresponding 1935 index is 119.5

COUNTRY	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	INDIA		JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	AFRICA	
AUTHORITY	Commerce Department	Official	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
No. of								Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics of Statistics Cairo
Commodities	160	548	72	43	56		180		
Base			July 1914	July 1914				188	23
Period	1935(c)	1929				July, 1928- June, 1929	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914
1913	100	-	-	-	100.0	-	-	100.0	-
1920	359	-	201	216	259.4	-	-	223.3	316
1926	149	-	148	149	178.8	-	-	123.3	132
1928	148	-	145	146	170.8	(d)	-	120.7	120
1929	140	100	141	145	166.1	100.4	994	115.1	116
1930	122	87	116	126	136.8	89.8	988	102.6	104
1931	111	82	96	109	115.6	85.7	963	99.5	97
1932	109	82	91	109	121.7	81.5	902	91.5	84
1933	107	71	87	98	135.6	81.1	878	93.1	71
1934	114	71	89	95	134.2	81.4	904	101.7	87
1935	100(c)	78	91	99	140.2	84.0	909	94.8	95
1936	102	80	91	96	149.2	89.2	937	98.6	85
1937	114	86	102	106	180.0	91.1	946	101.0	88
1938	111	87	95	101	189.9	91.6(e)	1021	104.4	91
1939	115	86	108	109	209.7	94.9(e)	1036	101.9	88
1940	146	100	120	118	235	103.3(e)	1071	113.2	100
1941	172	123	139	137		112.5	1195	124.3	130
1939 August	111	86	(a)	103	205.7		1311	(f) 99.8	83
1942 January	182	140	100	184	261	88.2	(b)	132.3	154
February	183	142	155	194	266	110.8(e)	1084	132.8	161
March	184	144	153	197	-	112.1(e)	1361	133.0	159
April	186	146	153	196	-	112.9(e)	1352	133.6	168
May	187	148	157	196	-	114.9(e)	1357	135.9	181
June	188	148	169	204	-	120.2	1358	138.7	180
July	193	150	182	222	268	123.1	1413	139.6	
August	191	151	182	225	267	122.2	1443	141.5	
September			192	228	270	123.4	1456	143.2	
October			198	229		124.3	1453	146.5	
November			209			123.2	1460		
December			227			122.9	1456		
						123.3			

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) 1913-34, base 1913 = 100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116. (d) Each yearly index is for period from July of current year to June of year following. (e) Revised. (f) July, 1939.

COUNTRY	Nature of Index	EUROPE			AFRICA			ASIA					
		SWITZERLAND		PORTUGAL	ICELAND		EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA		INDIA	PALESTINE		
		Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns	Cost of Living June, 1914	Cost of Living Jan.-March, 1939	Foods Reykjavik Jan.-March, 1939	Cost of Living Cairo Jan./13 July/14	Foods Cairo Jan./13 July/14	Cost of Living 9 Towns 1938-1900	Cost of Living Bombay July/33 June/34	Foods Bombay July/33 June/34	Foods 3 Towns Arab Jewish 1937 1937	Cost of Living Jewish August 1939
1913	Base Period												
1920		224	242	-	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458	-	-	-	-
1926		162	160	-	-	-	160	158(b)	1,063	-	-	-	-
1928		161	157	-	-	-	152	144	1,069	-	-	-	-
1929		161	156	2,361	-	-	151	146	1,066	-	-	-	-
1930		158	152	2,243	-	-	148	141	1,041	-	-	-	-
1931		150	141	1,990	-	-	138	123	1,002	-	-	-	-
1932		138	126	1,949	-	-	132	112	958	-	-	-	-
1933		131	117	1,948	-	-	125	101	932	-	-	-	-
1934		129	115	1,968	-	-	127	110	945	-	-	-	-
1935		128	114	1,982	-	-	130	115	940	-	-	-	-
1936		130	120	2,022	-	-	130	113	943	-	-	-	-
1937		137	130	2,102	-	-	129	111	965	100	103	-	-
1938		137	130	2,037	(c)	(c)	131	115	1,000	101	107	(c)	-
1939		138	132	1,918	103	104	131	112	999	106	114	100.0	100.0
1940		151	146	2,009	128	136	143	118	1,034	106	113	91.8	98.0
1941		174(e)	175(e)	2,268(a)	160(d)	189(d)	177	147	1,082	106	114	93.7	99.5
1939 August		137	131	1,903	103	104	128	110	993	112	125	112.6	113.9
1942 January		186	191	2,535	183	228	200	163	1,135	124	140	159.3	146.5
February		188	194	2,566	183	226	206	169	1,143	105	112	85.8	96.8
March		189	195	2,607	183	227	212	173	1,150	137	154	225.6	198.8
April		191	197	2,672	183	228	216	176	1,156	135	153	244.2	203.6
May		192	199	2,706	182	225	218	175	1,167	137	156	250.5	225.4
June		193	199	2,772	183	225	226	187	1,180	138	158	234.1	230.2
July		196	203	2,779	183	223	230	193	1,182	142	164	226.2	218.0
August		195	202	2,802	195	248	230	193	1,177	152	177	228.4	224.1
September		195	203	2,813	210	266	230	193	1,184	168	200		
October					250	342	230	193	1,193	168	197		
November					260	356	230	193	1,202	170	199		
December					272	374	230	193	1,251				

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) New series. Source: Economic Research Institute of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

(d) First of month. (e) Last week of month.

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COUNTRY Nature of Index	CHINA		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		CHILE		COLUMBIA	
	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago	Cost of Living Bogota	Foods Bogota
Base Period	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1928 June, 1929	July, 1928 June, 1929	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928	February 1937	February 1937
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	101.9	116.5	210	208	-	-	-	-
1926	100.0	100.0	199	217	-	-	101.0	102.6	201	208	-	-	-	-
1928	102.5	92.1	184	202	(f)	(f)	100.6	100.4	181	182	-	-	-	-
1929	107.9	98.4	181	203	99.7	100.1	100.4	101.3	177	161	-	(116)	-	-
1930	121.8	118.8	155	173	90.3	86.9	98.1	97.4	169	159	109	119	-	-
1931	125.9	107.5	136	151	83.0	80.2	90.6	84.4	158	148	108	115	-	-
1932	119.1	101.3	137	158	79.4	75.3	83.8	77.5	151	143	107	103	-	-
1933	107.2	86.9	146	161	79.4	76.1	79.5	73.2	148	139	(d) 141	115	-	-
1934	106.2	86.4	149	164	80.7	78.6	80.8	77.4	(c) 150	148	142	147	-	-
1935	106.6	89.1	152	170	82.3	80.7	83.7	83.5	152	147	144	149	-	-
1936	113.3	100.7	159	184	84.6	83.4	86.4	87.0	160	157	157	155	(e)	(e)
1937	131.8	121.5	174	193	86.8	85.6	92.2	95.6	170	173	176	205	100.6	89.8
1938	150.5	137.4	200	210	89.4	90.8	95.1	99.1	172	169	184	214	113.4	112.4
1939	196.4	189.9	224	238	91.3	91.9	99.0	105.2	170	159	187	210	118.3	119.7
1940	409.9	418.5	260	281	96.6	93.9	103.5	107.6	183	174	210	245	114.6	113.9
1941	-	-	(b)	(b)	102.3	96.8	107.3	110.4	198	197	242	281	113.0	110.1
1939 August	201.5	198.7	223	235	(a)	-	(b)	(b)	171	161	186	206	115.8	116.7
1942 January	-	-	(g) 269	-	89.8	91.0	99.5	106.0	215	212	267	316	113.9	111.4
February	-	-	269	-	-	96.5	109.5	114.6	220	219	273	322	116	-
March	-	-	269	-	-	98.2	108.0	109.1	220	218	286	336	118	-
April	-	-	269	-	103.2	99.8	107.8	108.6	220	217	297	347	122	-
May	-	-	269	-	-	101.0	108.4	110.1	220	217	303	360	122	-
June	-	-	269	-	-	101.0	109.7	110.6	220	219	301	355	122	-
July	-	-	271	-	106.0	102.7	109.8	110.8	221	221	302	357	-	-
August	-	-	271	-	-	104.1	110.1	111.5	223	221	313	381	-	-
September	-	-	271	-	-	105.0	111.8	113.1	224	221	319	395	-	-
October	-	-	273	-	108.4	104.8	112.5	115.2	226	224	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	104.5	112.9	116.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	104.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	103.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent. (e) New series.
 (f) Each yearly index is for the period from July of current year to June of year following. (g) This and following index numbers are calculated from corresponding series published in League of Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

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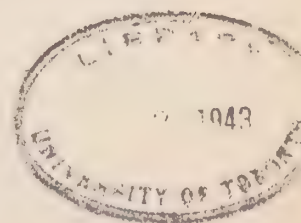
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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FIRST HALF OF 1943

The first half of 1943 showed a continuance of the rise in world wholesale price indexes, with increases generally somewhat larger than those recorded for the second half of 1942.

In Canada and the United States wholesale prices reached levels 2.6 p.c. and 2.8 p.c. higher, respectively, than in December 1942. The Canadian June 1943 index of 109.5 (1926=100) was almost 4 p.c. above that of June 1942, while the United States Bureau of Labor index of 103.8, on the same base, showed a 5 p.c. advance over June a year ago.

The Mexican series, notable hitherto for a relatively small wartime increase, reflected in this period the recent flow of capital into the country and the heavy purchases of war materials by the United States. With a December - June rise of 19 p.c., it has increased 25 p.c. since June 1942. Between December and May, prices in Argentina moved 5 p.c. higher, as compared with a 7 p.c. rise for the past eleven months.

A twelve-months advance of 2 p.c. indicated by the Board of Trade June wholesale index for the United Kingdom was evenly divided between the second half of 1942 and the first half of 1943. The Switzerland series rose 1.4 p.c. in the first four months of this year, and 4 p.c. between June 1942 and April 1943.

May indexes for Australia and New Zealand were 1 p.c. and 3 p.c., respectively, above December 1942 levels. These increases were a little larger than those recorded in the preceding half year. South Africa, on the other hand, showed a May-December increase of 1 p.c., in contrast to 7 p.c. in the last six months of 1942.

The June index of wholesale prices in Calcutta, India recorded advances of 30 p.c. and 70 p.c. since December and June of 1942.

Wholesale increases for the period since August 1939 were: India 210 p.c., Switzerland 103 p.c., Argentina 96 p.c., United Kingdom 66 p.c., Union of South Africa 55 p.c., Mexico 44 p.c., Australia 41 p.c., United States 38 p.c., Canada 38 p.c.

WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS
FIRST HALF OF 1943

The first six months of 1943 showed a divergence in cost-of-living trends. In general, the easing of wholesale increases noted in the second half of 1942 was followed this period by smaller gains in living costs, and, in the cases of Canada, Iceland and United Kingdom, by actual declines from the December 1942 levels.

The June cost-of-living index for Canada was 0.3 p.c. below that of December 1942, when consumer subsidies on milk, butter, tea, coffee and oranges were established. The United States Bureau of Labor index recorded in June a 3.7 p.c. advance during the period. Net gains shown by these series in the last twelve months were $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. for Canada and 7 p.c. for the United States.

The Ministry of Labour June index for the United Kingdom was 1 p.c. below the December 1942 index of 200 (July 1914=100); this level has been maintained since May 1941 with only minor fluctuations. The Swiss index for April 1943 showed increases of $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. over December and June of 1942.

The cost of living in Iceland, after a steep advance of almost 50 p.c. in the second half of 1942, dropped in 1943 to a June level 10 p.c. below the December 1942 peak.

In Mexico, a cost-of-living increase of 24 p.c. was registered between the end of 1942 and May 1943, as against a 31 p.c. increase since June 1942.

A new wartime index for New Zealand, issued quarterly on the base December 1942=100, while showing a gain of 1 p.c. between December and March, 1943, dropped back to the December level in the June quarter.

The following increases in living costs were noted for the period since August, 1939: Iceland 139 p.c., Mexico 59 p.c., United Kingdom 28 p.c., United States 27 p.c., South Africa 26 p.c., Australia 23 p.c., Canada 18 p.c.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

First Half of 1943

Country	Percentage Change Between --		
	December, 1942 -- and latest month available in 1943	June, 1942	August, 1939
Argentina	+ 4.7	+ 7.0	+ 96.0
Australia	+ 1.0	+ 2.0	+ 41.4
Canada	+ 2.6	+ 3.9	+ 37.6
China	+ 30.3	+ 70.3	+ 210.0
Mexico	+ 19.4	+ 25.0	+ 43.7
Zealand	+ 3.0	+ 5.5	+ 40.4
Switzerland	+ 1.4	+ 4.0	+ 102.9
Union of South Africa	+ 1.1	+ 8.2	+ 50.3
United Kingdom	+ 1.1	+ 2.2	+ 66.3
United States	+ 2.8	+ 5.3	+ 38.4

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

First Half of 1943

Country	Percentage Change Between --		
	December, 1942 -- and latest month available in 1943	June, 1942	August, 1939
Australia	+ 0.1	+ 3.9	+ 22.5
Canada	+ 0.3	+ 1.5	+ 17.6
China	- 9.6	+ 34.4	+ 138.8
Mexico	+ 24.4	+ 31.4	+ 58.8
Switzerland	+ 1.5	+ 5.2	+ 48.2
Union of South Africa	+ 3.8	+ 5.8	+ 25.7
United Kingdom	- 1.0	- 0.5	+ 27.7
United States	+ 3.7	+ 7.2	+ 26.6

AUTHORITY	Dominion Bureau of Statistics						UNITED STATES		MEXICO
	General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	
No. of Commodities	526(b)	215	377	223	302	30	200	889(n)	32
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1929
1913	64.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	-	66.2	59.8	-
1920	155.9	140.0	163.1	153.7	156.8	-	149.8	154.4	-
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(a) 100.0	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8	95.3	95.3	100.0
1932	66.7	71.3	63.1	55.0	59.8	51.3	61.6	64.8	84.3
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1	64.6	66.0	89.8
1934	71.6	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0	76.6	75.0	94.7
1935	72.1	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4	83.0	80.0	94.5
1936	74.6	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3	83.7	80.8	100.4
1937	84.6	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3	90.7	86.3	119.1
1938	78.6	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3	81.2	78.6	126.3
1939	75.4	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	69.0	80.9	77.1	127.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	79.0	83.6	78.5	128.2
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	81.6	88.8	87.3	93.5	87.3	135.6
1942	95.6	95.8	88.4	90.1	92.0	94.2	106.4	98.8	146.3
1930 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	62.6	72.6	65.3	78.2	75.0	129.1
1942 July	96.0	96.7	88.0	90.5	91.9	94.6	108.3	98.7	151.0
August	95.5	95.4	88.7	89.6	91.8	94.3	107.5	99.2	147.2
September	95.8(c)	95.7	89.2	90.5	92.0	94.6	107.5	99.6	147.6
October	96.6(c)	96.5	89.4	92.0	92.2	95.0	108.2	100.0	148.7
November	96.9	97.0	89.5	92.6	92.5	94.9	106.5	100.3	152.3
December	97.0	96.8	90.1	92.7	92.7	95.1	109.2	101.0	155.3
1943 January	97.1	96.6	90.6	93.0	92.7	96.1	110.1	101.9	156.7
February	97.5	96.9	91.1	93.8	92.8	96.3	110.6	102.5	166.2
March	98.5	97.1	92.6	95.6	93.4	96.6	111.7	103.4	167.6
April	98.9	97.0	93.1	97.1	92.9	96.7	112.0	103.7	172.7
May	99.2	97.3	93.4	97.9	92.8	96.8	112.0	104.1	161.7
June	99.5	97.5	93.9	98.5	92.9	97.3	111.7	103.6	185.5

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 794 since January 1915, and to 689 during 1940 and 1941. (b) No. of commodities changed in 1925 from 236 to 502; in January 1924 to 567; and in 1942 to 525. (c) Revised.

COUNTRY		ARGENTINA		CHILE		PERU		UNITED KINGDOM		EUROPE	
AUTHORITY		Banco de la Nacion		Official		Official		Board of Trade		Statist	
No. of Commodities		100		50		200		10(d)		45	
Base Period		1925		1913		1930		1935		1913	
1913		75.5	100.0	100.0	100	(f) 307.3	150.2	1913	78	1913	400
1920		-	-	-	239	(f) 143.1	290.5	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913
1926		96.4	100.0	192.0	203	(f) 136.5	166.2	1913	-	100.0	100.0
1929		89.5	96.4	230.4	186	35.6	84.9	1913	144.5	148.0	136.7 July
1932		85.6	96.4	346.0	170	35.7	90.9	1913	141.2	135.3	(a) 134.4
1933		98.4	96.4	343.6	180	38.1	98.7	1913	96.0	94.0	137.2
1934		97.0	96.4	343.3	183	39.0	100.0	1913	91.0	93.7	96.5
1935		99.2	96.4	379.6	189	94.4	114.7	1913	89.8	96.4	93.3
1936		112.6	96.4	454.6	192	106.8	134.1	1913	89.8	98.9	98.4
1937		105.5	96.4	432.1	205	101.4	101.1	1913	95.6	103.5	101.8
1938		108.2	96.4	420.7	205	102.8	109.4	1913	111.2	120.6	104.1
1939		123.4	96.4	464.1	215	136.6	133.5	1913	107.1	107.5	105.9
1940		145.1	96.4	541.3	243	152.6	137.4	1913	111.2	113.2	105.7
1941		187.6	96.4	736.0	290	159.4	142.2	1913	143.0	151.7	106.9
1942		-	-	-	367	96.1	(b)	1913	183.5	167.6	110
1939 August		102.9	102.9	414.0	(c)	96.1	(b)	(b)	209.6	(b)	112
1942 July		191.1	191.1	766.5	216	(c) 160.0	106.4	106.4	107.4	106.4	114
August		193.6	193.6	780.9	373	(c) 158.8	142.7	176.5	212.2	176.5	107
September		193.3	193.3	782.2	373	(c) 158.9	142.7	175.8	211.4	175.8	115
October		194.5	194.5	782.4	374	(c) 159.9	143.1	176.1	211.8	176.1	115
November		196.3	196.3	779.9	379	(c) 160.8	143.3	176.9	212.1	176.9	115
December		192.6	192.6	792.4	385	(c) 161.3	143.7	179.1	213.7	179.1	115
1943 January		196.0	196.0	800.0	390	162.1	143.7	143.7	214.8	143.7	115
February		199.6	199.6	803.3	394	162.1	143.6	143.6	215.2	143.6	115
March		200.2	200.2	808.8	403	162.2	146.9	146.9	216.6	146.9	116
April		201.7	201.7		407	162.8	146.6	146.6	217.2	146.6	116
May					414	163.3	146.5	146.5	217.9	146.5	116
June						163.1	145.9	145.9			

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Index of sensitive commodities. (e) Revised. (f) 1920-29, base 1913=100.

CONTINENT	EUROPE		ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
COUNTRY	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	INDIA		JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA
AUTHORITY	Commerce Department	Official	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office
No. of	160	548	72	43	56		180	188
Commodities			July 1914	July 1914				
Base	1935(c)	1929			1913	July, 1923-June, 1929	1926-30	1913
Period					100.0			
1913	100	-	-	-		-	-	100.0
1920	359	-	231	216	259.4	(d)	-	223.3
1926	149	-	148	149	178.8	100.4	-	123.3
1929	140	100	141	145	166.1	81.5	988	115.1
1932	109	82	91	109	121.7	81.1	878	91.5
1933	107	71	87	98	135.6	81.4	904	93.1
1934	114	71	89	95	134.2	84.0	909	101.7
1935	100(c)	73	91	99	140.2	89.2	937	94.8
1936	102	80	91	96	149.2	91.1	946	98.6
1937	114	86	102	106	180.0	91.6	1021	101.0
1938	111	87	95	101	189.9	94.9	1036	104.4
1939	115	86	108	109	209.7	103.3	1071	101.9
1940	146	100	120	118	235	112.5	1195	113.2
1941	172	123	139	137	-		1311	124.3
1942	189	-	185	-	-		1416	139.5
			(a)				(b)	
1939 August	111	36	100	103	205.7	88.8(e)	1084	(f) 99.8
1942 July	193	150	182	225	257	122.9(c)	1456	139.6
August	192	151	182	228	270	124.1(c)	1453	141.5
September	192	153	198	229	271	125.0(c)	1460	143.2
October	193	154	209			123.9(c)	1456	146.5
November	195	150	227			123.7(c)	1474	148.5
December	195		236			124.3(c)	1477	148.4
1943 January	196		250			122.5	1462	148.3
February	197		253			123.7	1472	148.9
March	197		272			125.0	1475	149.2
April			293			125.4	1508	148.9
May			325			125.6	1522	150.0
June			310					

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) 1913-34, base 1913-100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116. (d) Each yearly index is for period from July of specified year to June of year following. (e) Revised. (f) July, 1929.

Nature of Index	CANADA		UNITED STATES		MEXICO		UNITED KINGDOM		EUROPE	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living 1923		Official		Minister of Labour	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Board, Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1923	1924	1934	1934	July, 1914	July, 1914
1913	70.1 (c)	69.1 (c)	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-	-	17
1920	145.4 (c)	139.5 (c)	143.0	168.8	113.2	-	-	259	185	179
1926	121.6	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	-	-	164	176	169
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	100.1	-	-	164	141	141
1932	99.0	85.7	97.6	86.4	77.9	-	-	144	157	157
1933	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	-	-	140	141	141
1934	95.6 (c)	92.7 (c)	95.7	93.7	79.4	-	-	141	151	131
1935	96.2	94.6	96.1	100.4	82.6	100.0	100.0	143	152	135
1936	98.1	97.8	99.1	101.3	84.8	107.5	107.5	147	155	140
1937	101.2	103.2	102.7	105.3	86.5	114.4	113.6	154	160	147
1938	102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	86.4	136.5	136.7	156	170	156
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	85.2	153.3	157.9	153	173	159
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.3	155.4	156.2	184	178	163
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.1	157.3	153.6	199	205	183
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	163.9	158.5	200	226	202
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	186.3	179.0	(a)	(b)	225
1939 August	100.3	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.5	156.0	157.4	155	173	158
1942 July	117.9	130.3	117.0	124.6	97.8	138.1	177.7	200	-	-
August	117.7	129.6	117.5	126.1	96.1	166.0	177.8	201	250	223
September	117.4	128.5	117.8	126.6	98.6	195.4	185.9	200	-	-
October	117.3	129.6	119.0	129.6	99.7	195.4	185.8	200	-	-
November	118.6	132.4	119.0	131.1	100.3	199.5	187.5	200	273	250
December	118.8	132.8	120.4	132.7	101.0	199.2	187.2	200	-	-
1943 January	117.1	127.3	120.6	133.0	101.4	204.2	192.0	199	-	-
February	116.9	126.7	120.9	133.6	101.8	213.4	200.9	199	-	-
March	117.2	127.7	122.8	137.4	103.0	219.3	206.2	199	273	243
April	117.6	128.7	124.1	140.6	104.0	230.8	215.6	196	-	-
May	116.1	129.9	125.1	143.0	104.2	247.8	232.0	199	-	237
June	116.5	130.9	124.8	141.9	104.3	249.8	233.4	198	-	-

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Revised.

COUNTRY	SWITZERLAND	PORTUGAL	ICELAND	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA	INDIA	PALESTINE	ASIA
Index of	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
Base	34 Towns	34 Towns	Reykjavik	Cairo	9 Towns	Cost of Living	3 Towns	Cost of Living
Period	June, 1914	June, 1914	Jan.-Mich. 1939	Jan./13 July/14	1938-1900	July/33 June/34	Arab Jewish	Arab Jewish
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	224	242	-	237	1,456	-	-	-
1926	162	160	-	160	1,660	-	-	-
1929	161	156	-	151	1,096	-	-	-
1932	136	126	-	132	1,072	-	-	-
1933	131	117	-	125	991	-	-	-
1934	129	115	-	127	917	-	-	-
1935	123	114	-	130	964	-	-	-
1936	130	120	-	130	947	-	-	-
1937	137	130	-	130	942	-	-	-
1938	137	130	-	129	954	-	-	-
1939	136	132	(c)	131	1,000	100	(c)	100.0
1940	151	146	103	131	999	101	91.8	98.0
1941	174	175	126	143	1,034	106	93.7	99.5
1942	193	200	160	177	1,025	112	112.6	113.9
	(e)	(e)	206	147	1,099	124	159.3	146.5
			(d)		1,211	-	-	-
1939 August	137	131	103	123	993	105	85.3	96.3
1942 July	196	203	163	230	1,223	168	231.0	225.4
August	195	202	195	240	1,204	168	257.3	241.5
September	195	203	210	266	1,209	170	271.2	244.6
October	197	204	250	231	1,230	-	-	-
November	197	206	270	237	1,251	-	-	-
December	200	208	272	226	1,250	-	-	-
1943 January	201	209	263	240	1,267	-	-	-
February	201	209	262	235	1,287	-	-	-
March	201	210	262	240	1,289	-	-	-
April	203	210	261	240	1,302	-	-	-
May	-	-	249	-	1,339	-	-	-
June	-	-	246	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) New series. Source: Economic Research Institute of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.
 (d) First of month. (e) Last week of month.

COUNTRY Nature Index	CHINA		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		CHILE		COLOMBIA	
	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago	Cost of Living Bogota	Foods Bogota
Base	1926	1926	July, 1911	July, 1914	July, 1923	July, 1923	1926-- 1930	1926-- 1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928	February 1937	February 1937
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	100.0	100.0	199	217	(f)	(f)	101.9	116.5	100	100	-	-	-	-
1929	107.9	98.4	181	203	100.1	100.1	101.0	102.6	210	208	-	-	-	-
1932	119.1	101.3	137	158	75.3	75.3	100.4	101.3	201	182	-	-	-	-
1933	107.2	86.9	146	161	76.1	76.1	83.6	77.5	177	159	109	119	-	-
1934	106.2	86.4	149	164	80.7	80.7	79.5	73.2	151	143	114	115	-	-
1935	106.6	89.1	152	170	78.6	78.6	80.8	77.4	148	139	(d) 141	147	-	-
1936	113.3	100.7	159	184	80.7	80.7	83.7	83.5	(c) 150	148	142	149	-	-
1937	131.8	121.5	174	193	83.4	83.4	86.4	87.0	152	147	144	155	-	-
1938	150.5	137.4	200	210	85.6	85.6	92.2	95.6	160	157	157	171	-	-
1939	196.4	189.9	224	238	90.8	90.8	95.1	99.1	170	173	176	205	100.6	89.8
1940	409.9	418.5	260	281	91.9	91.9	99.0	105.2	172	169	184	214	113.4	112.4
1941	-	-	-	-	93.9	93.9	103.5	107.6	170	159	187	210	118.3	119.7
1942	-	-	-	-	96.6	96.6	107.3	110.4	183	174	210	245	114.6	113.9
			(b)	(b)	102.3	102.3	110.9	112.7	198	197	242	281	113.0	110.1
			(a)	(a)	(e) 89.9	91.0	99.5	106.0	222	220	304	367	-	-
1939 August	201.5	198.7	223	235					171	161	186	206	115.8	116.7
1942 July														
August						104.1	110.1	111.5	223	221	302	357	121.8	120.9
September						105.0	111.8	113.1	224	221	313	361	124.3	124.8
October					100.4	104.0	112.4	114.9	226	224	319	395	123.4	122.1
November						104.5	112.9	116.3	225	223	330	415	127.6	126.7
December						111.5	113.7	117.3	226	224	329	405	132.3	127.3
1943 January					110.0	103.0	112.8	114.9	229	225	332	412		
February						102.1	-		230	227	328	397		
March						102.6	-		234	234	333	407		
April					110.1	104.6	(g) 101.1		235	236	336	12		
May						104.9	-		236	237				
June						104.6	-							
						104.6	106.0							

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including housing. (d) Revised index, including rent. (e) June quarter, 1939.
 (f) Each yearly index is for the period from July of specified year to June of year following. (g) New wartime price series on basis December 1913=

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1943

Wholesale price levels in the second half of 1943 showed smaller gains, or moderate declines from June, 1943 levels, but losses were never sufficient to outweigh advances made in the first half of the year. This hesitant behaviour in 1943 provided a contrast to price movements in 1918, when substantial increases were recorded in spite of the temporary check towards the close of the year when the collapse of Germany became increasingly certain.

Comparative increases in wholesale price index numbers from August, 1914 to December, 1918 and from August, 1939 to December, 1943 are shown following for the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada.

Percentage Rise in Wholesale Price Levels

		<u>United Kingdom</u>	<u>United States</u>	<u>Canada</u>
August, 1914 - December, 1918	126	97	99
August, 1939 - December, 1943	67	38	42

In the United States, the Bureau of Labor wholesale index moved downward in the latter half of 1943 influenced mainly by declines in farm product prices which had been rising sharply since the closing months of 1940. The reduction of maximum meat prices in July, seasonally lower prices for fresh fruits and vegetables, and declines in livestock towards the end of the year, combined to depress the general wholesale index slightly during the last six months of 1943. The net gain for the year was 2.2 p.c. as compared with 7.9 p.c. in 1942 and 17.0 p.c. in 1941.

The Canadian wholesale series recorded a steady advance throughout 1943, netting a gain of 5.7 p.c. for the year in contrast to 3.7 p.c. in 1942. This accelerating rate of increase was unusual among wholesale index records for 1943. It was supported by steady increases in farm product prices which continued upward throughout the year.

The Bank of Mexico November, 1943 wholesale index showed advances of 6 p.c. and 27 p.c. respectively, over June, 1943 and December, 1942. These figures indicated a considerably slower rate of increase in the latter half of 1943 which was due to smaller gains in consumers' goods.

In Argentina a determined effort was made during 1943 to check rapidly mounting prices. The entry of foreign capital was restricted; industrial profits were curbed; and maximum prices were placed upon articles of prime necessity. The November whole-sale price index, although 5 p.c. higher than in December, 1942, was almost 1 p.c. below June, 1943.

Wholesale prices in the United Kingdom, as recorded by the Board of Trade index, rose by only 0.2 p.c. between June and December of 1943. Actually the index moved steadily lower after August, roughly paralleling the movement in the United States wholesale indexes.

Levels of wholesale prices in Sweden remained almost stable in 1943, after a persistent rise in the earlier war years. Controls were stiffened in November, 1942, by price fixations for some foods and manufactured articles, and this has since been made more comprehensive. The November, 1943 index was 1 p.c. below June, 1943, and was unchanged from December, 1942.

In the East, India, Egypt and Palestine have been alike in experiencing large price increases stimulated by war expenditures from outside sources; this has placed a heavy strain on economies not organized to exercise strong controls. In India during the second half of 1943, controls were placed on supplies and prices of wheat and other grains, and future trading was prohibited in certain commodities including castor, cotton and sesame seed, raw and manufactured cotton, and gold and silver. Up to September, 1943 the Calcutta index continued to rise steeply, but declined in the last three months to a level 5.6 p.c. below June, 1943. It was still 26.5 p.c. above the December, 1942 level.

Indexes for Australia and New Zealand, after following fairly similar patterns of wartime price increase for more than three years showed a divergence in 1943. The Australian wholesale series remained almost stable, ending the year 0.6 p.c. below its mid-year level and $1\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. above December, 1942. The New Zealand index rose appreciably in the first half and then more slowly to November when it reached a level 2 p.c. above June and almost 6 p.c. over December, 1942. South African index numbers after declining in the first six months resumed their rise in the latter half of the year.

WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1943

The second half of 1943 witnessed a continuance of small gains and occasional declines in world cost-of-living series. Mexico and Iceland were exceptional in showing more than fractional gains, but these were small compared to earlier advances. The index for Argentina recorded a notable decline of more than 5 p.c.

The United States Bureau of Labour index after rising steadily since early in 1941 declined slightly between June and December of 1943, although it recorded a gain of more than 3 p.c. for the year. A drop of $4\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. in foods in the last six months was greatly influenced by a reduction in maximum meat prices in July. All other groups showed gains in this period, the largest being a 5 p.c. increase in clothing.

The cost-of-living index for Iceland, which had risen from the outbreak of war to a December, 1942 peak 164 p.c. above August, 1939, recorded sharp declines early in 1943; these were partially offset by gains amounting to more than 5 p.c. in the second half.

In Mexico living costs continued an advance which began in the latter part of 1941 and continued through 1943. However, the June-November rise of 8 p.c. was small compared with a 35 p.c. increase for the year. The index for Argentina also showed a sharp rise in the first half of 1943, but official reduction of rents in June and new price controls for important foods including sugar, milk and bread were followed by a 9 p.c. drop in the July index; food prices continued to rise in the second half of 1943, but the December index was still $5\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. below June, 1943 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. below December, 1942.

Living costs in the United Kingdom, as recorded by the Ministry of Labour, have changed very little since early in 1941. During 1943 foods rose moderately above 1942 levels, and clothing prices declined, with the December, 1943 general index registering only fractional percentage changes from June, 1943 and December, 1942.

The rise in Australian living costs was checked in the latter half of 1943. A gain in the first half was chiefly due to increased clothing prices but subsequent slight declines in this group and lower food prices combined to reduce the December index to within 0.1 p.c. of its December, 1942 level. The South African series, which has recorded a wartime rise approximately paralleling that for Australia, showed a larger 1943 gain of 4.5 p.c. The New Zealand wartime index in the September quarter was 0.4 p.c. below its base period, December, 1942.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

Second Half of 1943

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>		
	June, 1943 -- and latest month available in 1943 --	December, 1942	August, 1939
Argentina	- 0.9	+ 5.2	+ 96.9
Australia	- 0.6	+ 1.4	+ 41.9
Canada	+ 2.9	+ 5.7	+ 41.8
India	- 5.6	+ 26.5	+ 201.0
Mexico	+ 6.3	+ 27.0	+ 52.7
New Zealand	+ 2.0	+ 5.6	+ 43.8
Sweden	- 1.0	0.0	+ 75.7
Switzerland	+ 0.6	+ 2.2	+ 104.4
Union of South Africa	+ 3.1	+ 4.7	+ 55.7
United Kingdom	+ 0.2	+ 1.3	+ 66.6
United States	- 0.6	+ 2.2	+ 37.6

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

Second Half of 1943

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>		
	June, 1943 -- and latest month available in 1943 --	December, 1942	August, 1939
Argentina	- 5.5	- 2.5	-
Australia	- 1.8	+ 0.1	+ 22.5
Canada	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 18.4
Iceland	+ 5.3	- 4.8	+ 151.5
Mexico	+ 8.1	+ 35.5	+ 73.1
Switzerland	+ 0.5	+ 2.0	+ 48.9
Union of South Africa	+ 0.5	+ 4.5	+ 26.5
United Kingdom	+ 0.5	- 0.5	+ 28.4
United States	- 0.3	+ 3.3	+ 26.2

CONTINENT
COUNTRY

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES
NORTH AMERICA

AUTHORITY	C A N A D A						UNITED STATES		MEXICO
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics						Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	
No. of Commodities	General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index			
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	200	889(a)	32
1913	64.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	-	66.2	69.8	-
1920	155.9	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	-	149.8	154.4	-
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(a)100.0	-
1929	95.6	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8	96.3	95.3	100.0
1932	66.7	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	51.3	61.6	64.8	84.3
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1	64.6	66.0	89.8
1934	71.6	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0	76.6	75.0	94.7
1935	72.1	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4	83.0	80.0	94.5
1936	74.6	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3	83.7	80.8	100.4
1937	84.6	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3	90.7	86.3	119.1
1938	78.6	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3	81.2	78.6	126.3
1939	75.4	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	69.0	80.9	77.1	127.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	79.0	83.6	78.6	128.2
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	81.8	83.8	87.3	93.5	87.3	135.8
1942	95.6	95.8	88.4	90.1	92.0	94.2	106.4	98.8	148.3
1939 August	72.5	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	65.3	78.2	75.0	129.1
1943 January	151.7	96.1	90.8	93.1	92.5	96.1	110.1	101.9	156.7
February	152.3	96.4	91.3	93.9	92.7	96.3	110.8	102.5	166.2
March	153.9	96.7	92.7	95.6	93.3	96.6	111.7	103.4	167.8
April	154.5	96.7	93.2	97.1	92.7	96.7	112.0	103.7	172.7
May	155.0	97.0	93.6	98.0	92.7	97.0	112.0	104.1	181.7
June	155.6	97.3	94.1	98.7	92.8	97.5	111.7	103.8	185.5
July	156.4	97.5	95.2	100.0	92.8	97.8	113.8	103.2	187.2
August	156.8	97.4	95.7	100.5	93.0	98.7	110.5	103.1	188.5
September	153.1	97.0	97.2	101.4	93.7	98.7	110.8	103.1	191.8
October	159.2	97.3	98.2	103.2	93.7	99.1	111.2	103.0	192.6
November	159.9	97.4	98.9	103.8	93.8	99.2	111.1	102.9	197.2
December	160.1	97.8	99.4	104.2	93.8	99.4	111.9	103.2	

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941. (b) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.

COUNTRY	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM	SWITZERLAND	GERMANY
Authority	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Federal Labour Department
No. of Commodities	1913	1913	200	58	78
Base Period	1926	1926	1930	1935	July, 1914
1913	75.5	100.0	(d) 307.3	150.2	100.0
1920	-	-	(d) 148.1	290.5	136.7 July
1926	100.0	-	(d) 136.5	199.1	(a) 134.4
1929	96.4	192.8	85.6	166.2	137.2
1932	89.5	230.4	85.7	84.9	96.5
1933	85.6	346.0	88.1	90.9	91.0
1934	98.4	343.6	89.0	98.7	89.8
1935	97.0	343.3	94.4	100.0	89.8
1936	99.2	379.6	108.8	114.7	95.6
1937	112.6	454.6	101.4	134.1	104.1
1938	105.5	432.1	102.8	101.1	105.9
1939	108.2	420.7	136.6	109.4	105.7
1940	123.4	464.1	152.6	133.5	111.2
1941	145.1	541.3	159.4	137.4	143.0
1942	187.6	736.0	98.1	142.2	183.5
				(b)	209.6
1939 August	102.9	414.0		70.3	(b)
1943 January	196.7	800.0	162.1	113.5	107.4
February	199.5	803.3	162.1	113.4	215.2
March	200.0	808.8	162.2	114.2	216.8
April	201.3	809.2	162.8	114.6	217.2
May	203.0	816.3	163.3	114.8	217.9
June	204.4	822.1	163.1	114.8	218.1
July	204.0	822.2	164.0	114.7	218.2
August	204.1	815.2	162.2	114.3	217.9
September	202.7	816.2	162.9	114.3	217.7
October	202.9		162.5	113.6	219.5
November	202.6		162.7	113.5	
December			163.4	113.7	

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) 1920-29, base 1913=100.

(e) Sensitive commodities.

CONTINENT		EUROPE		ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
COUNTRY		SWEDEN	HUNGARY	INDIA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
AUTHORITY		Commerce Department	Official	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities		160	548	72	56		180	188	23
Base		1935(c)	1929	July 1914	1913	July, 1928-June, 1929	1926-30=1000	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
1913		100	-	-	100.0	-	-	100.0	-
1920		359	-	201	259.4	-	-	223.3	316
1926		149	-	148	178.8	(d)	-	123.3	132
1929		140	100	141	166.1	100.4	988	115.1	116
1932		109	82	91	121.7	81.5	878	91.5	84
1933		107	71	87	135.6	81.1	904	93.1	71
1934		114	71	89	134.2	81.4	909	101.7	87
1935		100(c)	78	91	140.2	84.0	937	94.8	95
1936		102	80	91	149.2	89.2	946	98.6	85
1937		114	86	102	180.0	91.1	1021	101.0	88
1938		111	87	95	189.9	91.6	1036	104.4	91
1939		115	86	108	209.7	94.9	1071	101.9	88
1940		146	100	120	235	103.3	1195	113.2	100
1941		172	123	139	-	112.5	1311	124.3	130
1942		189	-	185	-	124.4	1416	139.5	181
				(a)			(b)		
1939 August		111	86	100	206.7	88.8(e)	1084	(f) 99.8	83
1943 January		196	162	250	276	122.3(e)	1462	148.3	219
February		197	166	253		123.5(e)	1472	148.9	225
March		197	166	272		124.8(e)	1476	149.2	219
April		197	168	293		125.3(e)	1508	148.9	220
May		197	172	325		125.4(e)	1522	150.0	-
June		197	175	319		126.8	1528	150.7	-
July		196		332		127.2	1522	151.4	224
August		195		345		126.4	1522	153.3	228
September		195		349		126.7	1520	153.3	237
October		195		335		126.2	1532	154.6	237
November		195		314		126.1	1559	155.4	
December				301		126.0			

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116. (d) Each yearly index is for period from July of specified year to June of year following. (e) Revised. (f) July, 1939.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA				MEXICO				NEWFOUNDLAND				EUROPE			
	CANADA		UNITED STATES		MEXICO		NEWFOUNDLAND		EUROPE		EUROPE		UNITED KINGDOM		UNITED KINGDOM	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living		Official		Official		Official		Minister of Labour		Minister of Labour	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1923	1934	1934	1934	October, 1938	July, 1914	October, 1938	July, 1914	October, 1938	July, 1914	October, 1938	July, 1914
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	118.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	249	256
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	172	164
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164	154
1932	77.0	85.7	97.6	86.4	77.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144	126
1933	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	120
1934	95.6	92.7	95.7	93.7	79.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	141	122
1935	96.2	94.6	98.1	100.4	82.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	143	125
1936	98.1	97.8	99.1	101.3	84.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	147	130
1937	101.2	103.2	102.7	105.3	88.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154	139
1938	102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	86.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	156	141
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	85.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	158	141
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	184	164
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199	168
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	161
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(a)	(a)
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	155	137
1943 January	117.1	127.3	120.6	133.0	101.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199	164
February	116.9	126.7	120.9	133.6	101.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199	164
March	117.2	127.7	122.8	137.4	103.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199	165
April	117.6	128.7	124.1	140.6	104.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198	165
May	118.1	129.9	125.1	143.0	104.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199	165
June	118.5	130.9	124.8	141.9	104.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198	165
July	118.8	131.8	123.9	139.0	103.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198	165
August	119.2	133.2	123.4	137.2	102.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	168
September	117.4	133.5	123.9	137.4	103.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199	167
October	119.3	132.9	124.4	138.2	103.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198	166
November	119.4	133.1	124.2	137.3	103.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199	168
December	117.3	132.7	124.4	137.1	103.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199	168

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) October.

COUNTRY Nature of Index Base Period	IRE		SWITZERLAND		PORTUGAL		ICELAND		EGYPT		AFRICA		SOUTH AFRICA		ASIA	
	105 Towns & Localities	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	Jan./13 July/14	Jan./13 July/14	Jan./13 July/14	Jan./13 July/14	9 Towns 1938=1000	9 Towns 1938=1000	Jan. 1942(e)	Jan. 1942
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	224	242	-	-	-	-	237	281(b)	-	-	1,458	1,660	-	-
1926	185	179	162	160	-	-	-	-	160	158(b)	-	-	1,063	1,096	-	-
1929	176	169	161	156	-	-	-	-	151	146	-	-	1,066	1,072	-	-
1932	157	141	138	126	-	-	-	-	132	112	-	-	958	891	-	-
1933	151	131	131	117	-	-	-	-	125	101	-	-	932	917	-	-
1934	152	135	129	115	-	-	-	-	127	110	-	-	945	964	-	-
1935	155	140	128	114	-	-	-	-	130	115	-	-	940	947	-	-
1936	160	147	130	120	-	-	-	-	130	113	-	-	943	942	-	-
1937	170	156	137	130	-	-	-	-	129	111	-	-	965	954	-	-
1938	173	159	137	130	-	-	-	-	131	115	-	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
1939	178	163	138	132	-	-	-	-	131	112	-	-	999	993	-	-
1940	205	183	151	146	-	-	-	-	143	118	-	-	1,034	1,025	-	-
1941	226	202	174	175	-	-	-	-	177	147	-	-	1,082	1,099	-	-
1942	250	225	193	200	-	-	-	-	235	196	-	-	1,173	1,211	-	-
	(a)	(a)	(d)	(d)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939 August	173	158	137	131	-	-	-	-	128	110	-	-	993	977	-	-
1943 January	-	-	201	209	-	-	-	-	285	240	-	-	1,211	1,267	122.6	135.0
February	273	243	201	209	-	-	-	-	293	254	-	-	1,220	1,287	125.4	138.4
March	-	-	201	210	-	-	-	-	294	252	-	-	1,226	1,289	124.8	136.7
April	-	-	203	210	-	-	-	-	303	255	-	-	1,232	1,302	129.2	141.8
May	275	237	203	210	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,248	1,339	137.4	154.7
June	-	-	203	211	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,250	1,338	141.5	160.0
July	-	-	204	211	-	-	-	-	310	258	-	-	1,248	1,317	141.0	158.0
August	284	249	204	211	-	-	-	-	315	267	-	-	1,253	1,329	139.0	152.9
September	-	-	204	212	-	-	-	-	323	278	-	-	1,259	1,337	-	-
October	-	-	204	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,258	1,330	-	-
November	294	261	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,256	1,323	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month. (d) Last week of month. (e) New official series. January 1942 is linked to pre-war period by a ratio of 175 to 100.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES													
COUNTRY	ASIA			JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		SOUTH AMERICA	
COUNTRY	INDIA	JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		SOUTH AMERICA		SOUTH AMERICA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Bombay	Cost of Living, Tokyo	Foods, Tokyo	Cost of Living, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Groceries, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Foods, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Lima	Foods, Lima	Cost of Living, Santiago	Foods, Santiago	Cost of Living, Buenos Aires	Foods, Buenos Aires
Base Period	July/33 June/34	July, 1914	July/33 June/34	July, 1928 June, 1929	July, 1928 June, 1929	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928	1939	1939
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	101.9	116.5	210	208	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	101.0	102.6	201	182	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-	-	100.4	101.3	177	159	-	-	-	-
1932	-	-	-	-	-	83.8	77.5	151	143	-	-	-	-
1933	-	-	-	-	-	79.5	73.2	148	139	-	-	-	-
1934	-	-	-	-	-	80.8	77.4	(c)150	148	-	-	-	-
1935	-	-	-	-	-	83.7	83.5	152	147	-	-	-	-
1936	-	-	-	-	-	86.4	87.0	160	157	-	-	-	-
1937	-	-	-	-	-	92.2	95.6	170	173	-	-	-	-
1938	-	-	-	-	-	95.1	99.1	172	169	-	-	-	-
1939	-	-	-	-	-	99.0	105.2	170	159	-	-	-	-
1940	-	-	-	-	-	103.5	107.6	183	174	-	-	-	-
1941	-	-	-	-	-	107.3	110.4	198	197	-	-	-	-
1942	-	-	-	-	-	110.9	112.7	222	220	-	-	-	-
1939 August	-	-	-	-	-	(b)	-	171	161	-	-	-	-
1943	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230	227	-	-	-	-
January	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	234	234	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	235	236	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	236	237	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	237	238	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	241	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	242	243	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	247	252	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	248	253	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	255	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Each yearly index is for the period from July of specified year to June of year following.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100, computed quarterly, beginning March 1943.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent. (e) June quarter, 1939
(f) Each yearly index is for the period from July of specified year to June of year following. (g) New wartime price series on base December 1942=

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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1944

Wholesale price index numbers for most countries recorded small advances in the first half of 1944 usually not exceeding 2 p.c.; somewhat larger increases in Mexico and Argentina provided the principal exceptions to this statement. The relative stability of price levels in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States offered a contrast to their behaviour in the first half of 1919. The termination of war in 1918 was followed by a mild depression in commodity markets. This continued well into 1919 before the final inflationary phase which reached a climax about the middle of 1920.

The United States Bureau of Labor wholesale index in the first half of 1944 advanced again following a gradual decline in the latter part of 1943; fractional gains were recorded in each of the first six months of 1944, and the June index of 104.3 (1926=100) was 0.2 p.c. above the preceding wartime high of May, 1943. The June, 1944 index was 39.1 p.c. above the corresponding August, 1939 level.

The Canadian index of wholesale prices continued to make slight advances in the first quarter of 1944, but these were lost in the second quarter. The June index of all wholesale prices showed a wartime increase of 41.8 p.c. with the corresponding rise in Canadian farm product wholesale prices amounting to 74.7 p.c.

The rise in wholesale prices in Mexico accelerated in 1944, following short crops in 1943, and a rising tendency in wages. In March, 1944 provision was made for the import and distribution of commodities in short supply, including corn, wheat, lard and sugar. The Bank of Mexico wholesale index advanced 14.5 p.c. in the first half of 1944, and has increased 78.1 p.c. since the outbreak of war.

In Argentina, a 4 p.c. rise in the wholesale price index in the first half of 1944 followed a temporary check subsequent to price control measures established in the middle of 1943.

The United Kingdom Board of Trade index rose 1.7 p.c. in a steady advance between December, 1943 and May, 1944, and remained stationary in June. Lower food prices were outweighed by increases in all groups of industrial materials and manufactures, the most substantial being in coal and cotton prices.

Since the end of 1942 the Swiss index has shown only a moderate increase compared with that of earlier war years; between December, 1943 and April, 1944 a rise of 1.4 p.c. was recorded. Comparative stability is also shown by index numbers for Sweden, in the latter part of 1943 and the early months of 1944.

The index of wholesale prices in Cairo, Egypt remained unchanged from February to April of 1944, but rose 4 points in May to a level 212 p.c. above August, 1939. A conference held in Cairo in April, 1944 by eleven countries of the Near and Middle East considered the problem of absorbing purchasing power created by Allied expenditure in these countries. So far, the principal offsets have been sales of precious metals and offers of government bonds. In Egypt an approach to the problem of food supply has been made in 1944 by converting to food production more than a million acres formerly used to grow cotton.

There was little change in the Calcutta wholesale price index for India during the first half of 1944. The June index was only 0.7 p.c. below December, 1943, although still 14 p.c. below the peak of September of last year. To June, 1944 the wartime increase in wholesale prices was almost 200 p.c. In 1944 the economic situation has been eased by better crops and distribution control. Rationing of rice, wheat, and sugar exists in more than fifty cities and towns and is being extended to rural areas.

Wholesale index numbers for Australia showed small deviations from levels reached early in 1943. The New Zealand series which has recorded a fairly persistent rise throughout the wartime period recorded no net change between December, 1943 and May 1944. Lower prices for vegetable foodstuffs counterbalanced increases in other groups. The South African index advanced only 0.9 p.c. between December and May, as compared with 4.6 p.c. since June, 1943.

WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1944

Index numbers of living costs in the first half of 1944 continued to rise in most countries. The rate of increase was generally moderate, except in certain countries of Latin America and in Iceland.

The United States Bureau of Labor index of living costs has shown only fractional changes since the early summer of 1943. Food prices in June, 1944, averaged 4.4 p.c. below June, 1943, a contrast to the rate of increase during the preceding year when food prices had risen 15.2 p.c. Declines in food prices since June, 1943 have been offset by a rise in the homefurnishings index which advanced 8.2 p.c. in the first half of 1944.

Throughout the first half of 1944 the Canadian cost-of-living index remained fractionally below the levels reached in the last four months of 1943. The June, 1944 index was 0.3 p.c. below that of December, 1943, although still 0.4 p.c. higher than in June, 1943.

The Ministry of Labour index for the United Kingdom rose 0.5 p.c. in February influenced by higher coal prices, and remained at that level through June. Levels of food, rent and miscellaneous items remained unchanged.

The Mexican cost-of-living index continued an advance which has been unbroken since the end of 1942. It increased 16.0 p.c. in the first half of 1944, due in large measure to a 21 p.c. increase for foods.

A new series for Peru also showed an accelerated rate of increase of 9.5 p.c. between December and June, as compared with 15.3 p.c. for the year ending June, 1944.

In Reykjavik, Iceland, living costs after declining sharply in the first half of 1943, have risen again steadily since then. There was a 3.5 p.c. increase in the first half of 1944, but the June, 1944 index was still 1.5 p.c. below the December, 1942 peak. The wartime increase to June 1944 approximated 160 p.c.

Quarterly cost-of-living index numbers for Australia, which had recorded their first wartime declines in the second half of 1943, rose only 0.2 p.c. in the first half of 1944. The South African official series rose in a more marked degree in this period with an increase of 2.4 p.c. between December, 1943 and May, 1944.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

First Half of 1944

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>		
	December, 1943 --- and latest month available in 1944 ---	June, 1943	August, 1939
Argentina	+ 3.9	+ 3.5	+ 105.6
Australia	+ 0.4	- 0.4	+ 42.4
Canada	0.0	+ 2.9	+ 41.8
India	- 0.7	- 6.3	+ 199.0
Mexico	+ 14.5	+ 23.9	+ 78.1
New Zealand	0.0	+ 2.4	+ 44.4
Sweden	0.0	- 1.0	+ 75.7
Switzerland	+ 1.4	+ 2.2	+ 107.7
Union of South Africa	+ 0.9	+ 4.6	+ 57.9
United Kingdom	+ 1.7	+ 1.8	+ 69.3
United States	+ 1.1	+ 0.5	+ 39.1

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

First Half of 1944

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>		
	December, 1943 --- and latest month available in 1944 ---	June, 1943	August, 1939
Australia	+ 0.2	- 1.6	+ 22.7
Canada	- 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 18.1
Iceland	+ 3.5	+ 8.9	+ 160.2
Mexico	+ 16.0	+ 26.5	+ 102.6
Peru	+ 9.5	+ 15.3	+ 62.8
Switzerland	+ 1.0	+ 2.0	+ 51.1
Union of South Africa	+ 2.4	+ 3.4	+ 30.1
United Kingdom	+ 0.5	+ 1.0	+ 29.0
United States	+ 0.8	+ 0.5	+ 27.2

No. of

Commodities

Base Period

1913

1920

1926

1929

1932

1933

1935

1936

1937

1938

1939

1940

1941

1942

1943

1939

August

1943

July

August

September

October

November

December

January

February

March

April

May

June

510(b)

1913

1926

64.0

155.9

100.0

95.6

66.7

67.1

72.1

74.6

84.6

78.6

75.4

82.9

90.0

95.6

100.0

72.3

100.1

100.4

101.1

101.9

102.4

102.5

102.5

102.7

103.0

102.9

102.5

102.5

102.5

207

1926

61.9

140.0

100.0

94.7

71.3

71.1

73.6

74.7

79.5

77.2

75.8

83.4

91.1

95.6

97.0

72.7

97.4

97.4

97.0

97.3

97.4

97.7

97.8

97.7

98.0

97.9

97.5

97.4

366

1926

67.4

163.1

100.0

96.3

63.1

63.1

69.5

72.4

86.1

75.8

70.4

78.7

83.6

88.3

95.1

66.7

95.3

95.7

97.0

98.2

98.9

99.5

99.6

100.0

100.2

100.1

100.0

100.2

213

1926

63.8

155.7

100.0

97.5

55.0

56.6

66.0

70.8

84.3

72.9

67.4

75.3

81.8

90.1

99.1

62.8

100.0

100.4

101.2

103.2

104.0

104.3

104.1

104.6

104.8

104.7

104.0

104.0

297

1926

64.8

156.8

100.0

93.0

69.8

70.2

72.8

73.6

80.5

78.2

75.3

81.5

83.8

91.9

93.1

72.6

92.8

92.9

93.6

93.7

93.8

93.8

93.8

93.7

93.8

93.8

93.6

93.5

1926

64.1

160.6

100.0

100.8

48.4

51.0

63.5

69.4

87.1

73.6

64.3

67.1

71.2

82.5

95.9

58.4

96.4

97.4

97.9

103.6

104.2

104.6

104.0

104.3

104.5

104.0

101.8

102.0

889(a)

1926

69.8

154.4

100.0(a)

95.3

64.8

66.0

80.0

80.8

86.3

78.6

77.1

78.6

87.3

98.8

103.1

75.0

103.2

103.1

103.1

103.0

102.9

103.2

103.3

103.6

103.8

103.9

104.0

104.3

67

1926

71.5

150.7

100.0

104.9

48.2

51.4

78.8

80.9

86.4

68.5

65.3

67.7

82.4

105.9

122.6

61.0

125.0

123.5

123.1

122.2

121.4

121.8

121.8

122.5

123.6

123.2

122.9

125.0

32

1929

-

-

-

100.0

84.3

89.8

94.5

100.4

119.1

126.3

127.0

128.2

135.8

148.3

182.4

129.1

187.2

188.5

191.8

192.6

197.2

200.8

201.0

205.0

213.0

224.4

228.9

229.9

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941. (b) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.

CONTINENT COUNTRY	SOUTH AMERICA			EUROPE		
	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM	SWITZERLAND	GERMANY
AUTHORITY	Banco de La Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Federal Labour Department
		1913	1913	200 1930	58 1927	78 July, 1914
No. of Commodities	108		58		10(e) 1935	400 1913
Base Period	1926	1913	1913			
1913	75.5	100.0	100	(d) 307.3	150.2	100.0
1920	-	-	239	(d) 148.1	290.5	136.7 July
1926	100.0	-	203	(d) 136.5	199.1	(a) 134.4
1929	96.4	192.8	186	85.6	165.2	137.2
1932	89.5	230.4	170	85.7	84.9	96.5
1933	85.6	346.0	130	89.0	90.9	93.3
1935	97.0	343.3	189	94.4	100.0	101.8
1936	99.2	379.6	192	108.8	114.7	95.6
1937	112.6	454.6	205	101.4	134.1	104.1
1938	105.5	432.1	205	102.8	101.1	105.9
1939	108.2	420.7	215	136.6	109.4	105.7
1940	123.4	464.1	248	152.6	133.5	106.9
1941	145.1	541.3	290	159.4	137.4	110
1942	187.6	736.0	367	162.8	142.2	112
1943	202.1	811.8	421	98.1	147.2	114
1939	102.9	414.0	1934-36=100 (f)		106.4	116
1943	204.0	822.2	224	164.0	70.3	107
July	204.1	815.2	226	162.2	114.6	117
August	202.7	816.2	224	162.9	114.3	117
September	202.9	810.9	224	162.5	114.3	116
October	202.6	811.2	226	162.7	113.6	116
November	203.6	805.6	226	163.4	113.6	116
December	204.8	794.2	228	164.0	113.7	117
1944	206.4	799.0	230	164.6	114.5	117
January	205.7			164.9	115.2	117
February	207.9			165.5	115.1	117
March	209.2			166.1	117.6	117
April	211.6			166.1	117.6	117
May						
June						

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (e) Sensitive commodities. (f) New series. 1943 average is 219.

CONTINENT		EUROPE		ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
COUNTRY		SWEDEN	SPAIN	INDIA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
AUTHORITY		Commerce Department	Official	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities		160	106	72	56		180	188	23
Base Period		1935(c)	1913	July 1914	1913	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-30=1000	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914
1913		100	100.0	-	100.0	-	-	100.0	-
1920		359	223.4	201	259.4	-	-	223.3	316
1926		149	174.8	148	178.8	(d)	-	123.3	132
1929		140	167.7	141	166.1	110.3	988	115.1	116
1932		109	166.6	91	121.7	-	878	91.5	84
1933		107	159.1	87	135.6	-	904	93.1	71
1935		100(c)	164.2	91	140.2	-	937	94.8	95
1936		102	167.2	91	149.2	92.6	946	98.6	85
1937		114	188.5	102	180.0	98.4	1021	161.0	88
1938		111	212.0	95	189.9	160.5	1036	104.4	91
1939		115	241.9	108	209.7	101.1	1071	101.9	88
1940		146	288.8	120	235	104.7	1195	113.2	100
1941		172	341.5	139	249	114.0	1311	124.3	130
1942		189	375.4	185	269	124.2	1416	139.5	181
1943		196	419.0	307	-	137.2	1513	151.6	-
1939 A ugust		111	244.2	(a)	205.7	-	(b)	(e) 99.8	83
1943 July		196	419.0	332	-	140.4	1522	151.4	224
August		195	416.0	345	223	139.5	1522	153.3	228
September		195	425.9	349	289	139.7	1520	153.3	237
October		195	434.7	334	-	139.2	1532	154.0	237
November		195	445.2	314	292	138.9	1559	155.4	243
December		195	442.3	301	295	138.9	1565	156.2	246
January		195		297		139.1	1566	157.1	253
February		195		300		138.5	1567	157.2	255
March		195		298		138.7	1559	156.9	255
April				290		139.4	1558	157.6	255
May				290			1565	157.6	259
June				299					

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116. (d) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (e) July, 1939.

COUNTRY		CANADA		UNITED STATES		MEXICO		NEWFOUNDLAND		UNITED KINGDOM		EUROPE	
Nature of Index	Base Period	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living		Official		Minister of Labour			
		Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
		1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1923	1934	1934	October, 1938	July, 1914	1914		
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	118.2	-	-	-	-	249	-	256	-
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	-	-	-	-	172	-	164	-
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	100.1	-	-	-	-	164	-	154	-
1932	99.0	85.7	97.6	86.4	77.9	-	-	-	-	144	-	126	-
1933	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	-	-	-	-	140	-	120	-
1935	96.2	94.6	98.1	100.4	82.2(d)	107.5	107.5	-	-	143	-	125	-
1936	98.1	97.8	99.1	101.3	84.1(d)	114.4	113.6	-	-	147	-	130	-
1937	101.2	103.2	102.7	105.3	87.8(d)	138.5	136.7	-	-	154	-	139	-
1938	102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	85.7(d)	153.3	157.9	-	-	156	-	141	-
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	84.5(d)	155.4	156.2	104.4(c)	106.3(c)	158	-	141	-
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.3(d)	157.3	153.6	-	-	184	-	164	-
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.0(d)	163.9	158.5	128.2(c)	143.0(c)	199	-	168	-
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	188.3	179.0	140.3	163.1	200	-	161	-
1943	118.4	130.7	123.5	138.0	103.3	246.6	229.8	149.1	173.5	199	-	166	-
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)			(a)	(a)				
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.0(d)	156.0	157.4	-	-	155	-	137	-
1943 July	118.8	131.8	123.9	139.0	103.1	258.3	243.8	148.9	176.2	200	-	168	-
August	119.2	133.2	123.4	137.2	102.8	262.7	242.3	149.4	176.9	199	-	167	-
September	119.4	133.5	123.9	137.4	103.1	264.5	243.0	150.0	178.2	198	-	166	-
October	119.3	132.9	124.4	138.2	103.7	266.0	245.3	148.5	175.0	199	-	168	-
November	119.4	133.1	124.2	137.3	103.7	270.0	250.1	156.7	173.2	199	-	168	-
December	119.3	132.7	124.4	137.1	103.9	272.5	253.1	158.2	176.8	199	-	168	-
January	119.0	131.5	124.2	136.1	103.9	277.2	258.6	159.5	177.8	199	-	168	-
February	118.9	130.9	123.8	134.5	103.4	282.2	264.4	160.1	178.5	200	-	168	-
March	119.0	131.1	123.8	134.1	103.4	291.2	275.9	161.7	182.1	200	-	168	-
April	119.1	131.5	124.6	134.6	104.1	301.5	288.4	162.9	182.3	200	-	168	-
May	119.2	131.7	125.1	135.5	104.4	308.5	296.6	163.2	183.0	200	-	168	-
June	119.0	131.1	125.4	135.7	104.4	316.0	306.0	162.4	181.3	200	-	168	-
(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) October. (d) Revised.													

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COUNTRY	NATURE of INDEX	EIRE		SWITZERLAND		PORTUGAL		ICELAND		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA	
		105 Towns & Localities	Foods	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns	Cost of Living	June, 1914	Cost of Living Reykjavik Jan.-Mar. 1939	Foods Jan.-Mar. 1939	Cost of Living Cairo Jan./13 July/14	Foods Cairo Jan./13 July/14	Cost of Living 9 Towns 1938=1000	
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	Jan.-Mar. 1939	Jan.-Mar. 1939	Jan./13 July/14	Jan./13 July/14	1938=1000		
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1920	-	-	224	242	-	-	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458		
1926	185	179	162	160	-	-	-	-	160	158(b)	1,063		
1929	176	169	161	156	2,361	1,949	-	-	151	146	1,096		
1932	157	141	138	126	1,948	1,948	-	-	132	112	1,072		
1933	151	131	131	117	1,982	1,982	-	-	125	101	891		
1935	155	140	128	114	2,022	2,022	-	-	130	115	917		
1936	160	147	130	120	2,102	2,102	-	-	130	113	947		
1937	170	156	137	130	2,037	2,037	-	-	129	111	942		
1938	173	159	137	130	1,918	1,918	-	-	131	115	954		
1939	178	163	138	132	2,009	2,009	-	104	131	112	1,000		
1940	205	183	151	146	2,238	2,238	-	136	143	118	993		
1941	226	202	174	175	2,753	2,753	-	189	177	147	1,025		
1942	250	225	193	200	3,118	3,118	-	264	235	196	1,099		
1943	282	247	203	211	(a)	(a)	-	330	-	-	1,211		
	(a)	(a)	(d)	(d)	(a)	(a)	-	(c)	-	-	1,244		
1939	173	158	137	131	1,905	1,905	-	104	128	110	977		
1943	-	-	204	211	3,107	3,107	-	305	310	259	1,248		
August	284	249	204	211	3,154	3,154	-	306	315	267	1,253		
September	-	-	204	212	3,156	3,156	-	341	323	278	1,259		
October	-	-	205	212	3,162	3,162	-	328	332	292	1,258		
November	294	261	205	213	3,176	3,176	-	326	329	284	1,256		
December	-	-	205	213	3,182	3,182	-	324	325	276	1,262		
January	-	-	206	213	3,126	3,126	-	329	327	276	1,264		
February	296	263	206	214	3,133	3,133	-	331	332	283	1,272		
March	-	-	206	214	-	-	-	331	332	288	1,283		
April	-	-	207	215	-	-	-	330	338	286	1,291		
May	292	256	-	-	-	-	-	338	341	289	1,292		
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	331	-	-	-		

(a) Middle of month. (b) June. (c) First of month. (d) Last week of month.

Base Period	INDIA		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		CHILE		ARGENTINA	
	Cost of Living, Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living, Tokyo	Cost of Living Cities May/35 June/39	Cost of Living Groceries & Capital Cities Jan./35 Jan./39	Cost of Living 25 Towns 1928- 1930	Cost of Living Lima 1913 1910	Foods Lima 1915	Cost of Living Santiago 1928	Foods Santiago 1928	Cost of Living Buenos Aires 1939	Foods Buenos Aires 1939		
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	
1920	-	-	-	-	-	101.9	210	208	-	-	-	-	-	
1926	-	-	199	(e)	(e)	101.0	201	182	-	-	-	-	-	
1929	-	-	181	115.0	115.5	100.4	177	159	109	119	-	-	-	
1932	-	-	137	-	-	83.8	151	143	114	115	-	-	-	
1933	-	-	146	-	-	79.5	(c)148	139	(d)141	147	88.8	-	-	
1935	100	103	152	-	-	83.7	152	147	144	155	89.1	-	-	
1936	101	107	159	94.6	93.1	86.4	160	157	157	171	96.6	-	-	
1937	106	114	174	97.3	96.3	92.2	170	173	176	205	99.1	-	-	
1938	106	113	200	99.8	98.9	95.1	172	169	184	214	98.4	-	-	
1939	106	114	224	102.9	104.8	99.0	170	159	187	210	100.0	-	-	
1940	112	125	260	105.1	106.1	103.5	183	174	210	245	102.3	102.3	102.3	
1941	124	140	-	111.1	108.4	107.3	198	197	242	281	105.0	105.2	105.2	
1942	157	180	-	117.6	111.8	110.9	222	220	304	367	110.9	115.1	115.1	
1943	229	-	-	126.7	120.3	(f)100.2	242	244	354	434	112.1	116.6	116.6	
1939 August	105	112	(b)	-	-	(f)	1934-1936=100 (g)	(g)	186	206	-	-	-	
1943 July	236	262	133	-	121.6	-	159	165	360	447	106.1	111.1	111.1	
August	238	-	133	-	117.4	-	162	170	361	442	106.5	112.0	112.0	
September	245	-	135	127.8	116.7	99.6	162	171	365	448	107.4	113.6	113.6	
October	248	-	136	-	116.7	-	163	171	368	449	107.6	114.0	114.0	
November	248	-	137	-	116.0	-	166	171	365	440	109.6	117.7	117.7	
December	247	-	137	126.6	115.8	100.1	167	172	359	429	109.0	116.5	116.5	
1944 January	-	-	139	-	116.7	-	171	180	365	439	-	-	-	
February	-	-	139	-	116.6	-	172	182	361	429	-	-	-	
March	-	-	-	126.8	116.8	100.5	173	174	-	-	-	-	-	
April	-	-	-	-	116.7	-	175	179	-	-	-	-	-	
May	-	-	-	-	116.9	-	180	187	-	-	-	-	-	
June	-	-	-	126.9	118.5	-	182	187	-	-	-	-	-	

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

(e) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (f) New wartime price series on base December 1942=

100, computed quarterly, beginning March 1943. (g) New series. 1943 averages are 164 and 159 respectively for cost of living and food.

(1) Source: League of Nations Bulletin of Statistics.

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Latin-American countries, prices did not begin to show unusual advances until 1941. Argentina was exceptional in recording a gain of 13 p.c. in the first four months of war. This was followed by comparative stability in 1940, and a further rapid ascent in 1941 which continued almost unbroken until extensive price control measures were introduced in the middle of 1943.

The Mexican series recorded small intermittent declines in the second half of 1944, the first since August, 1942. However, in spite of these, the June-December, 1944 period witnessed an increase of 1.4 p.c., which compared with a gain of 18.5 p.c. for the year.

The wholesale index for Calcutta, India continued below the levels reached in the latter part of 1943. The November, 1944 index was 0.3 p.c. below June, 1944 and 0.7 p.c. below December, 1943.

WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1944

In the second half of 1944 cost-of-living index numbers for most countries recorded small increases which were usually less than those in the first half. Series for Canada, Mexico and Newfoundland showed minor declines between June and December.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics December index of Canadian living costs was 0.4 p.c. lower than June, 1944, and 0.7 p.c. below December, 1943. The United States Bureau of Labor index rose 1.3 p.c. between June and December, and 2.1 p.c. for the year. The largest group increases were shown by clothing and house-furnishings.

The cost-of-living index for St. John's, Newfoundland had risen 52 p.c. from October, 1939 to December, 1944; the December index was 2.3 p.c. below the June level and only 0.3 p.c. above December, 1943. An extension of price controls to cover practically all foodstuffs became effective October 31, 1944.

The Ministry of Labor index of living costs in the United Kingdom has recorded a wartime increase of 30.3 p.c. to August, 1944. The groups responsible for the increase were foods and fuel and light. The net increase for the second half of 1944 was 0.5 p.c. and for the year 1.0 p.c.

The November level of living costs in Switzerland was unchanged from June, 1944, and stood 1.5 p.c. above December, 1943.

Cost of living index numbers for Latin-American countries continued upward in the second half of 1944, with the exception of the Mexican series which recorded its first declines since December, 1942. Lower food prices caused a decrease of 1.8 p.c. in the second half in contrast to a net increase of 13.9 p.c. for the year. A June-November advance of 3.1 p.c. for Lima, Peru was moderate compared with the 15.0 p.c. increase in the first eleven months of 1944. In Rio de Janeiro, living costs showed a slightly accelerating rise, and in Santiago, Chile the cost-of-living index mounted with increasing momentum in the third quarter of 1944.

The quarterly index of living costs for Australia remained throughout 1944 below the level of the second quarter of 1943 when new stabilization measures were adopted. The December, 1944 index was 0.1 p.c. above June, 1944 and 0.3 p.c. above December, 1943.

The New Zealand wartime index of retail prices (December, 1942=100) was 100.4 in December, 1944; this was 0.3 p.c. above the level of June, 1944 and December, 1943.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS, SECOND HALF
OF 1944.

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	June, 1944 -- and latest month available in 1944 --	December, 1943	August, 1939
Argentina	+ 1.4	+ 5.8	+109.6
Australia	- 0.5	+ 0.8	+ 43.0
Canada	+ 0.0	+ 0.0	+ 41.8
India	- 0.3	- 0.7	+199.0
Mexico	+ 1.4	+ 18.5	+ 84.3
New Zealand	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 45.2
Switzerland	- 0.6	+ 0.9	+106.7
Union of South Africa	+ 1.3	+ 1.3	+ 58.4
United Kingdom	+ 0.7	+ 2.3	+ 70.4
United States	+ 0.4	+ 1.5	+ 39.6

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, SECOND HALF
OF 1944.

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	June, 1944 -- and latest month available in 1944 --	December, 1943	August, 1939
Australia	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 22.8
Canada	- 0.4	- 0.7	+ 17.6
Iceland	+ 1.1	+ 4.6	+163.1
Mexico	- 1.8	+ 13.9	+ 99.0
Newfoundland	- 2.3	+ 0.3	+ 52.0
Peru	+ 3.2	+ 13.0	+ 68.1
Switzerland	+ 0.0	+ 1.5	+ 51.8
Union of South Africa	+ 0.9	+ 3.6	+ 31.7
United Kingdom	+ 0.5	+ 1.0	+ 29.7
United States	+ 1.3	+ 2.1	+ 28.8

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Dominion Bureau of Statistics

No. of Commodities	General Index		Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods		Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods		Canadian Farm Products
	1926	510(a)	1913	207	366	213	297	1926	1926
Base Period				1926	1926	1926	1926		
1913	64.0	100.0		61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8		64.1
1920	155.9	243.5		140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8		160.6
1926	100.0	156.2		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0
1929	95.6	149.5		94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0		100.8
1932	66.7	104.2		71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8		48.4
1933	67.1	104.8		71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2		51.0
1937	84.6	132.1		79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5		87.1
1938	78.6	122.8		77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2		73.6
1939	75.4	117.8		75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3		64.3
1940	82.9	129.5		83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5		67.1
1941	90.0	140.6		91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8		71.2
1942	95.6	149.3		95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9		82.5
1943	100.0	156.2		97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1		95.9
1939 August	72.3	112.9		72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6		58.4
1944 January	102.5	160.1		97.8	99.6	104.1	93.8		104.0
February	102.7	160.4		97.7	100.0	104.6	93.7		104.3
March	103.0	160.9		98.0	100.2	104.8	93.8		104.5
April	102.9	160.7		97.9	100.1	104.7	93.8		104.0
May	102.5	160.1		97.5	100.0	104.2(b)	93.6		101.8
June	102.5	160.1		97.4	100.2	104.2(b)	93.5		102.0
July	102.5	160.1		97.4	99.9	103.9	93.4		102.0
August	102.3	159.8		97.2	99.7	103.6	93.5		101.2
September	102.3	159.8		97.2	99.6	103.4	93.6		101.0
October	102.4	159.9		97.1	99.7	103.3	93.6		103.0
November	102.4	159.9		97.1	99.7	103.3	93.7		103.1
December	102.5	160.1		97.0	100.1	103.6	93.7		103.3

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.
(b) Revised.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	N O R T H A M E R I C A		S O U T H A M E R I C A		PERU
	UNITED STATES		MEXICO	ARGENTINA	
AUTHORITY	Bureau of Labor Statistics		Official	Banco de	Official
	General Index	Farm Products Index		La Nacion	
No. of Commodities	889(a)	67	32	108	58
Base Period	1926	1926	1929	1926	1913
1913	69.8	71.5	-	75.5	100.0
1920	154.4	150.7	-	-	239
1926	100.0(a)	100.0	-	100.0	203
1929	95.3	104.9	100.0	96.4	186
1932	64.8	48.2	84.3	89.5	170
1933	66.0	51.4	89.8	85.6	180
1937	86.3	86.4	119.1	112.6	205
1938	78.6	68.5	126.3	105.5	205
1939	77.1	65.3	127.0	108.2	215
1940	78.6	67.7	128.2	123.4	248
1941	87.3	82.4	135.8	145.1	290
1942	98.8	105.9	148.3	187.6	367
1943	103.1	122.6	182.4	202.1	421
1939 August	75.0	61.0	129.1	102.9	1934-36=100
1944 January	103.3	121.8	199.1(c)	205.2(c)	(b) 228
February	103.6	122.5	203.2(c)	206.7(c)	230
March	103.8	123.6	211.4(c)	206.1(c)	225
April	103.9	123.2	225.3(c)	208.6(c)	225
May	104.0	122.9	232.7(c)	210.4(c)	224
June	104.3	125.0	234.5(c)	212.7(c)	225
July	104.1	124.1	234.6	213.2	223
August	103.9	122.6	234.0	214.3	227
September	104.0	122.7	233.9	213.9	226
October	104.1	123.4	236.3	213.6	227
November	104.4	124.4	240.3	214.5	227
December	104.7	125.5	237.9	215.7	229

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.

(b) New series. 1943 average is 219

(c) Revised.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	L U R O P E				GERMANY		SWEDEN		SPAIN	
	UNITED KINGDOM		SWITZERLAND		Federal Statist- ical Office		Commerce Department		Official	
COMMODITY	Board of Trade		Economist		Federal Labour Department					
	No. of Commodities	Base Period	10(d) 1936	78 July, 1914	400 1913	160 1935(e)				
1913	-	-	150.2	-	100.0	100(e)			106	
1920	(c) 307.3	-	290.5	-	136.7 July	359(e)			1913	
1926	(c) 148.1	-	133.1	144.5	(a) 134.4	149(e)			223.4	
1929	(c) 136.5	-	166.2	141.2	137.2	140(e)			174.8	
1932	85.6	-	84.9	96.0	96.5	109(e)			167.7	
1933	85.7	-	90.9	91.0	93.3	107(e)			166.6	
1937	108.8	-	134.1	111.2	105.9	114			159.1	
1938	101.4	-	101.1	107.1	105.7	111			183.5	
1939	102.8	-	109.4	111.2	106.9	115			212.0	
1940	136.6	-	133.5	143.0	110	146			241.9	
1941	152.6	-	137.4	183.5	112	172			288.8	
1942	159.4	-	142.2	203.6	114	189			341.5	
1943	162.8	-	147.2	218.2	116	196			375.4	
1933 August	98.1	-	(b)	(b)	107	111			419.0	
1944 January	164.0	-	151.1	220.6	117	195			244.2	
February	164.6	-	151.2	221.3	117	195			456.7	
March	164.9	-	151.2	222.9	117	195			434.9	
April	165.5	-	158.6	223.1	118	195			437.0	
May	166.1	-	158.6	223.4	118	197				
June	166.1	-	158.6	223.4		197				
July	167.1	-	158.6	224.1		198				
August	167.5	-	158.6	223.5		197				
September	167.1	-	158.6	222.8		198				
October	166.7	-	158.6	222.7		197				
November	166.9	-	158.6	222.0		197				
December	167.2	-	158.6			197				

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (d) Sensitive commodities.
 (e) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116.

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CONTINENT		ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
COUNTRY	AUTHORITY	INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT	
		Department of Statistics Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo	
No. of Commodities		72		180	188	23	
Base Period		July, 1914	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-30=1000	1913	Jan. 1913-July, 1914	
1913		-	-	-	100.0	-	
1920		201	-	-	223.3	316	
1926		148	(c)	-	123.3	132	
1929		141	110.3	988	115.1	116	
1932		91	-	878	91.5	84	
1933		87	-	904	93.1	71	
1937		102	98.4	1021	101.0	88	
1938		95	100.5	1036	104.4	91	
1939		108	101.1	1071	101.9	88	
1940		120	104.7	1195	113.2	100	
1941		139	114.0	1311	124.3	130	
1942		185	124.2	1416	139.5	181	
1943		307	137.3(e)	1513	151.6	228	
1939 August		(a)		(b)			
		100	97.9	1084	(d) 99.8	83	
1944 January		297	139.2(e)	1566	157.1	253	
February		300	138.6(e)	1567	157.2	255	
March		300(e)	138.7(e)	1559	156.9	255	
April		297(e)	139.7(e)	1558	157.6	255	
May		292(e)	139.8(e)	1565	157.6	259	
June		300(e)	140.7(e)	1565	156.2	265	
July		299	141.3	1566	156.2	267	
August		298	141.0	1558	156.2	281	
September		301	140.2	1559	156.5		
October			139.9	1559	157.5		
November		299	140.0	1574	158.1		
December			140.0				

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) July, 1959. (e) Revised.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	N O R T H A M E R I C A									
	CANADA					UNITED STATES				
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board		Mexico City			
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods		
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1923	1923	1934	1934		
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-		
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	118.2	136.2	-	-		
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	110.6	-	-		
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	100.1	106.9	-	-		
1932	99.0	85.7	97.6	86.4	77.9	69.7	-	-		
1933	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	67.8	-	-		
1937	101.2	103.2	102.7	105.3	87.8	84.7	138.5	156.7		
1938	102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	85.7	78.7	153.3	157.9		
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	84.5	76.6	155.4	156.2		
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.3	77.7	157.3	153.6		
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.0	85.3	163.9	153.5		
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	100.9	188.3	179.0		
1943	118.4	130.7	123.5	138.0	103.3	112.6	246.6	229.3		
1939 August	(a) 100.8	(a) 99.3	(b) 98.6	(b) 93.5	(b) 84.0	(b) 75.3	156.0	157.4		
1944 January	119.0	131.5	124.2	136.1	103.9	111.1	277.2	258.6		
February	118.9	130.9	123.8	134.5	103.4	109.6	282.2	264.4		
March	119.0	131.1	123.8	134.1	103.4	109.2	291.2	275.9		
April	119.1	131.5	124.6	134.6	104.1	110.1	301.5	288.4		
May	119.2	131.7	125.1	135.5	104.4	110.7	308.5	296.6		
June	119.0	131.1	125.4	135.7	104.4	110.6	316.0	306.0		
July	119.0	132.0	126.1	137.4	105.0	111.9	325.2	317.1		
August	118.9	131.5	126.4	137.7	105.1	111.9	322.2	312.9		
September	118.8	131.2	126.5	137.0	105.0	111.5	325.5	317.0		
October	118.6	130.8	126.5	136.4	105.1	111.1	328.2	320.3		
November	118.9	131.6	126.6	136.5	105.2	111.1	323.2	313.1		
December	118.5	130.3	127.0	137.4	105.6	112.2	310.4	296.3		

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	E U R O P E			SWITZERLAND		
	UNITED KINGDOM			EIRE		
Nature of Index	Official			105 Towns and Localities		
	Minister of Labour			34 Towns		
Base Period	Cost of Living			Cost of Living		
	St. John's			Foods		
1913	October, 1938			July, 1914		
	Foods			June, 1914		
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-
1932	-	-	-	-	-	-
1933	-	-	-	-	-	-
1937	-	-	-	-	-	-
1938	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	-	-	-	-	-	-
1940	-	-	-	-	-	-
1941	-	-	-	-	-	-
1942	-	-	-	-	-	-
1943	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939 August	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944 January	159.5	177.8	168	168	168	168
February	160.1	178.5	168	168	168	168
March	161.7	182.1	168	168	168	168
April	162.9	182.3	168	168	168	168
May	163.2	183.0	168	168	168	168
June	162.4	181.3	168	168	168	168
July	161.2	183.1	169	169	169	169
August	162.4	185.9	170	170	170	170
September	159.9	180.5	169	169	169	169
October	157.9	176.3	168	168	168	168
November	158.8	176.9	168	168	168	168
December	158.7	176.8	168	168	168	168

(a) First of month. (b) October. (c) Middle of month. (d) Last week of month.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE			AFRICA		ASIA	
	PORTUGAL	ICELAND	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA		INDIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
	Reykjavik	Reykjavik	Cairo	9 Towns	9 Towns	Bombay	Bombay
Base Period	June, 1914	Jan.-March, 1939	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	1938=1000		July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34
1913	-	-	-	281(b)	1,458	-	-
1920	-	-	257	158(b)	1,063	-	-
1926	-	-	160	146	1,066	-	-
1929	2,361	-	151	112	958	-	-
1932	1,949	-	132	101	932	-	-
1933	1,948	-	125	111	965	-	-
1937	2,102	-	129	115	1,000	106	114
1938	2,037	-	131	112	999	106	113
1939	1,918	104	131	118	1,034	112	125
1940	2,009	136	143	147	1,082	124	140
1941	2,263	189	177	196	1,173	157	180
1942	2,758	264	235	264	1,244	229	-
1943	3,118	330	310	-	-	-	-
1939 August	(a)	(c)	128	110	993	105	112
1944 January	1,903	104	327	276	1,264	238	249
February	3,126	329	332	283	1,272	230	241
March	3,133	331	339	288	1,283	226	247
April	3,153	331	338	286	1,291	231	252
May	3,159	330	341	288	1,292	235	-
June	3,191	338	346	293	1,296	-	-
July	3,221	331	353	307	1,285	-	-
August	3,205	329	359	318	1,274	-	-
September	-	329	-	-	1,281	-	-
October	-	342	-	-	1,301	-	-
November	-	340	-	-	1,308	-	-
December	-	341	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	A S I A			O C E A N I A			CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA		
	JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		JAMAICA		TRINIDAD
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Tokyo	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Kingston	Foods, Kingston	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	Jan.-June 1939	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-1930	August, 1939	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	101.9	-	-	-	-
1926	-	(c)	-	(c)	101.0	-	-	-	-
1929	-	115.0	-	115.5	100.4	-	-	-	-
1932	-	-	-	-	83.8	-	-	-	-
1933	-	-	-	-	79.5	-	-	-	-
1937	-	97.3	-	96.3	92.2	-	-	-	-
1938	-	99.8	-	98.9	95.1	-	-	-	-
1939	(g)	102.9	-	104.8	99.0	-	-	-	-
1940	120	105.1	-	106.1	103.5	120.5	123.7	129	-
1941	122	111.1	-	108.4	107.3	135.2	133.1	140	-
1942	125	117.6	-	111.8	110.9	152.2	144.4	159	154(h)
1945	133	126.7	-	120.3	(d) 100.2	157.1	143.9	184	191(h)
	(b)	(a)	-	-	(d)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)
1939 August	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	108	-
1944 January	139	-	-	116.7	-	157.7	139.0	195	206
February	139	-	-	116.6	-	-	-	197	209
March	141	-	-	116.8	-	159.9	141.2	196	208
April	145	126.8	-	116.7	100.5	159.9	140.1	197	208
May	146	-	-	116.9	-	160.0	139.1	194	204
June	146	126.9	-	118.5	100.1	159.9	141.3	194	-
July	147	-	-	119.0	-	158.4	135.9	194	204
August	148	-	-	118.9	-	158.8	133.7	194	204
September	155	127.3	-	117.7	100.3	156.9	137.1	194	204
October	-	-	-	117.5	-	159.7	140.6	193	204
November	-	-	-	116.7	-	-	-	193	204
December	-	127.0	-	116.6	100.4	-	-	193	204

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) New wartime price series on base December 1942=100, computed quarterly, beginning March 1942. (e) End of month. (f) First of month. (g) Source: League of Nations Bulletin of Statistics. (h) July.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA				CHILE				PERU			
	ARGENTINA				BRAZIL							
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Buenos Aires	1933	1939	1912	Cost of Living Rio de Janeiro	1912	1912	Foods Santiago	Cost of Living Santiago	March 1928	1912	1913
Base Period												
1913	-	-	-	102	106	106	-	-	100	-	100	100
1920	-	-	-	167	170	170	-	-	210	-	210	208
1926	-	-	-	266	236	236	-	-	201	-	201	182
1929	-	-	-	267	242	242	119	115	177	119	177	159
1932	-	-	-	235	218	218	114	115	151	115	151	143
1933	88.8	-	-	233	214	214	(b) 141	147	(a) 148	147	(a) 148	139
1937	99.1	-	-	327	309	309	176	205	170	205	170	173
1938	98.4	-	-	341	309	309	184	214	172	214	172	169
1939	100.0	100.0	-	350	315	315	187	210	170	210	170	159
1940	102.3	102.3	-	363	333	333	210	245	183	245	183	174
1941	105.0	105.0	-	406	359	359	242	281	198	281	198	197
1942	110.9	115.1	-	453	404	404	304	367	222	367	222	220
1943	112.1	116.6	-	503	469	469	354	434	242	434	242	244
									1934-1936=100			
1939 August	99.5	-	-	347	310	310	186	206	(c)	206	(c)	(c)
1944 January	109.2	-	-	526	490	490	365	439	171	439	171	180
February	107.7	-	-	528	494	494	361	429	172	429	172	182
March	110.1	-	-	531	502	502	368	442	173	442	173	174
April	107.9	-	-	535	511	511	382	446	175	446	175	179
May	106.4	-	-	547	537	537	390	447	180	447	180	187
June	108.9	-	-	547	537	537	388	442	182	442	182	187
July	110.7	-	-	567	547	547	388	438	185	438	185	191
August	106.0	-	-	569	550	550	400	465	187	465	187	195
September	108.5	-	-	572	553	553	420	504	187	504	187	193
October	110.4	-	-	576	569	569	.		188		188	194
November		-	-	585	590	590			188		188	194
December		-	-						189		189	195

(a) Since October, 1933, including heating. (b) Revised index, including rent. (c) New series. 1943 averages are 164 and 159 respectively for cost of living and food.

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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1945

World wholesale price index numbers continued to show small changes in the first half of 1945. These were usually net gains of less than 2 p.c. However, declines were recorded by wholesale price series for Calcutta, India and for Mexico.

It is of interest to note the contrasts and parallels in price levels approximately six years after the outbreak of hostilities in World Wars I and II. In June, 1920, the post-war inflationary movement had reached its crest about a year and a half after the armistice. In June, 1945, post-war re-adjustment still remained ahead. Available comparisons for these two periods follow.

WARTIME INCREASES IN WHOLESALE PRICE LEVELS

	<u>World War I</u> Pre-war level to 1920 peak p.c.	<u>World War II</u> August, 1945- June, 1946 p.c.
Australia	142	45
Canada	149	43
India	118	193
New Zealand	114	46
South Africa	130	59
Sweden	212	77
Switzerland	226	106
United Kingdom	210	73
United States	140	41

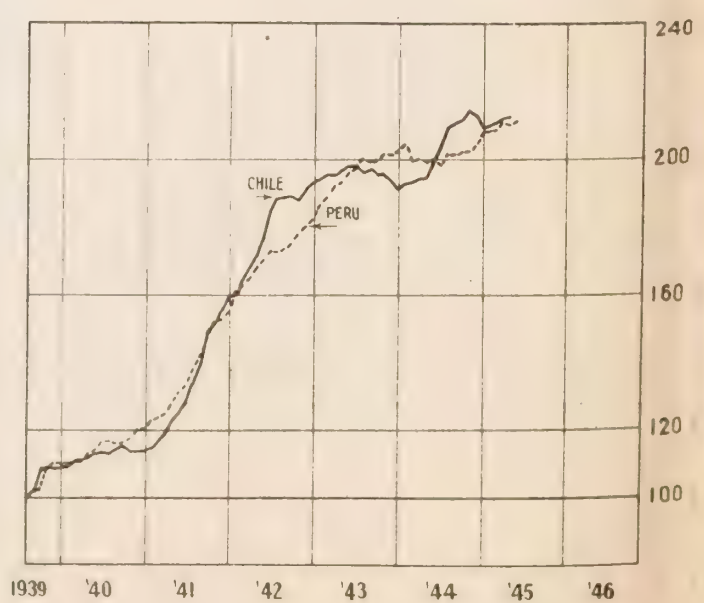
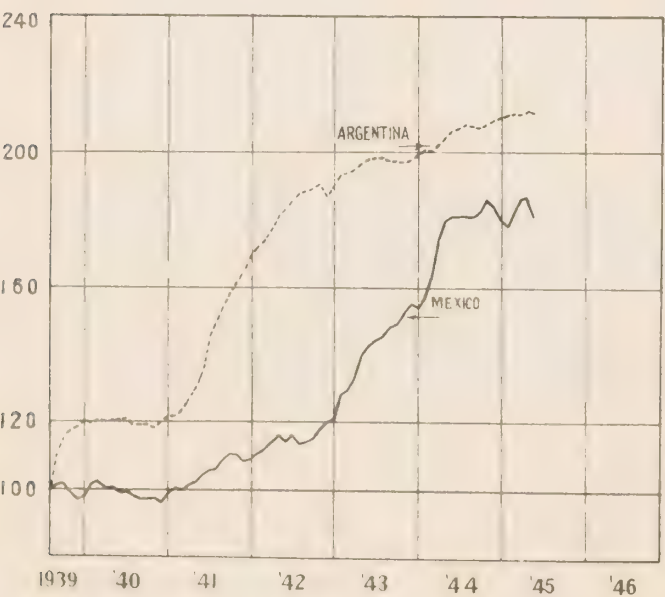
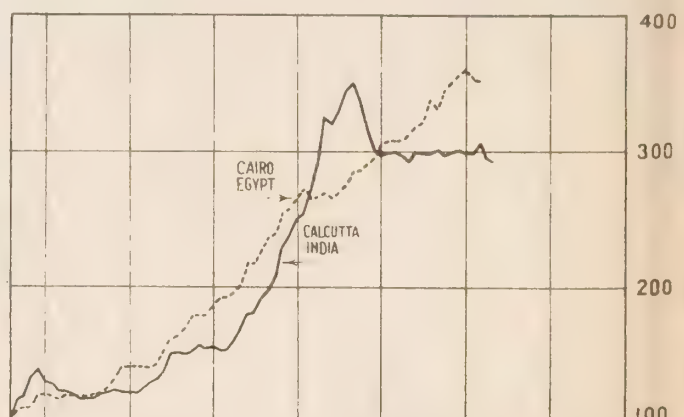
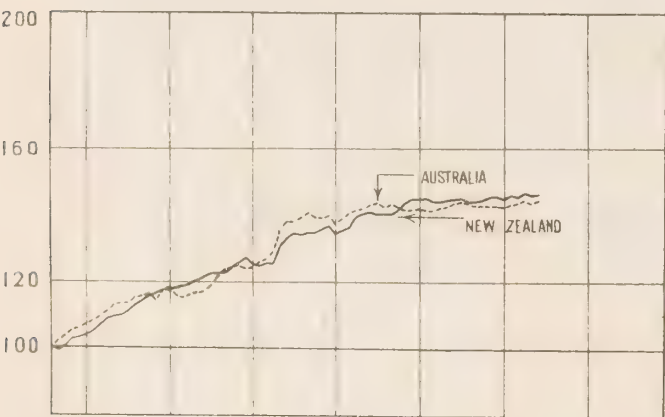
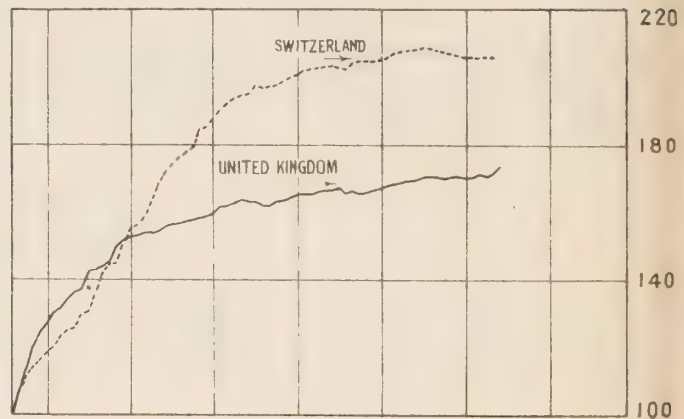
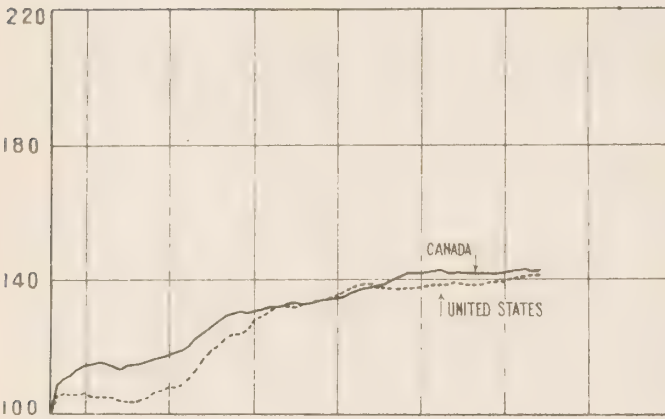
Small increases were recorded by most cost-of-living series for the first half of 1945. As a rule these were less than 2 p.c. although advances of 4.3 p.c. and 6.9 p.c., respectively, were shown for Mexico City and Lima, Peru.

Series for Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom moved to new wartime high levels in June, 1945. The United Kingdom Ministry of Labour index rose 1.5 p.c. in the first half of 1945, the largest half-year increase to be recorded since the first half of 1941.

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

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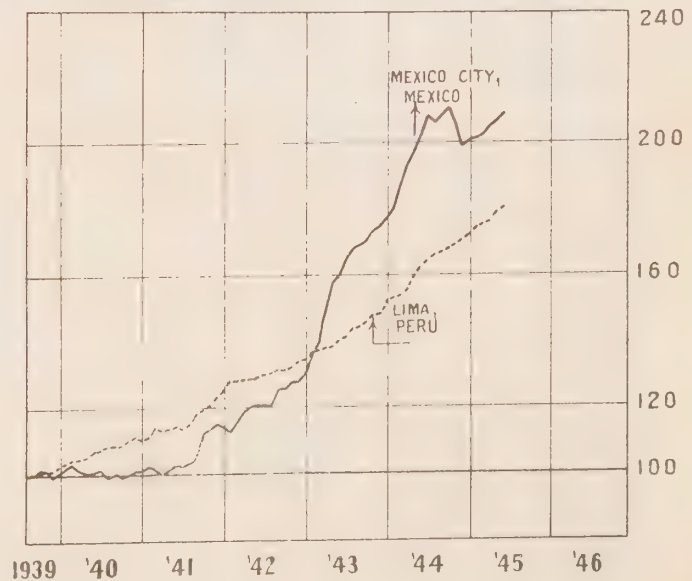
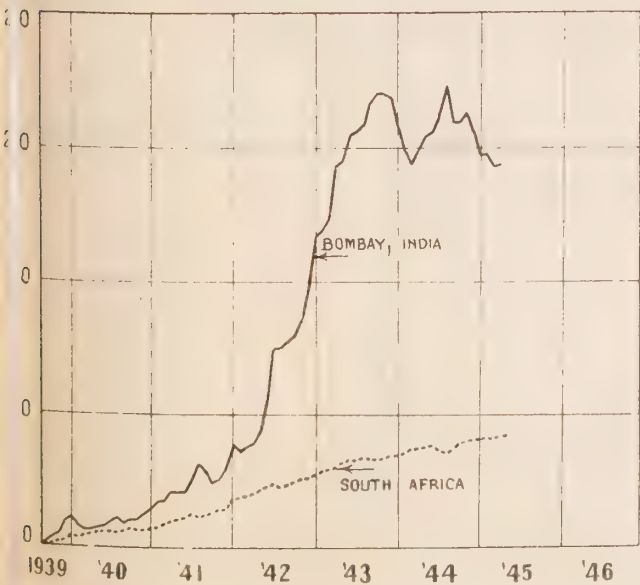
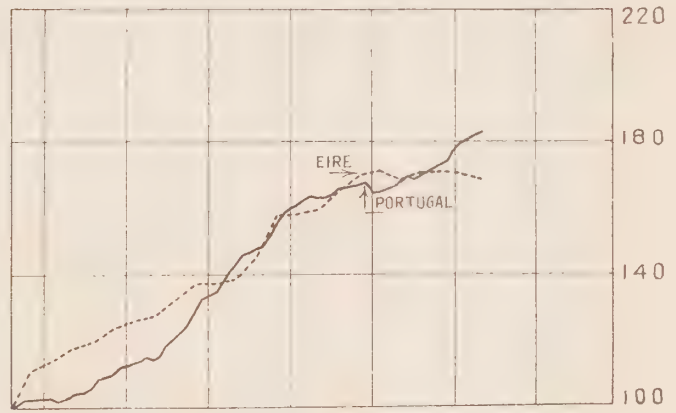
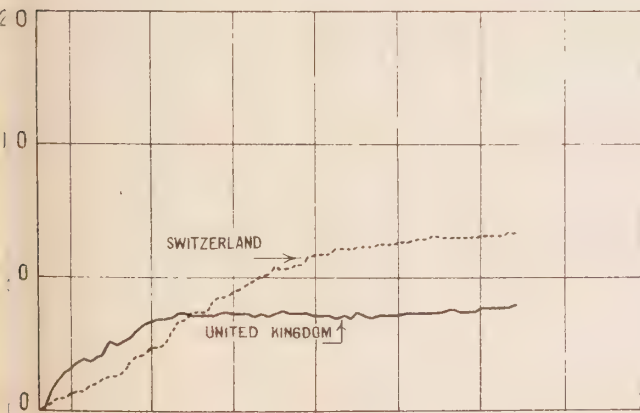
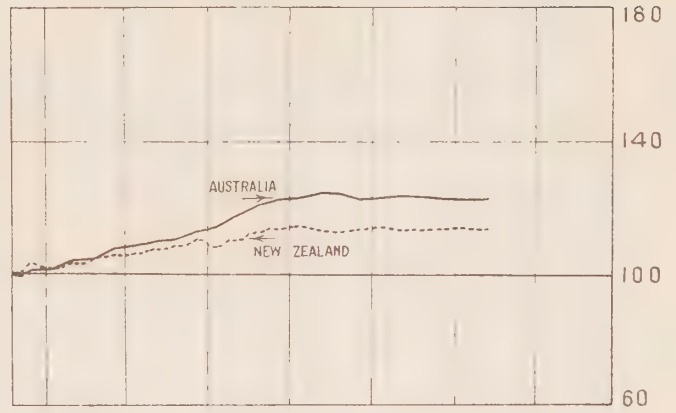
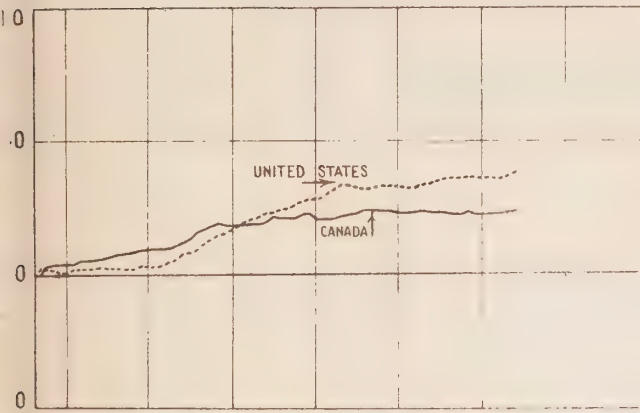
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CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
FIRST HALF OF 1945

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	December, 1944	June, 1944	August, 1939
	- and latest month available in first half of 1945 -		
Argentina	+ 0.7	+ 2.3	+ 111
Australia	+ 1.2	+ 0.6	+ 45
Canada	+ 0.7	+ 0.7	+ 43
India	- 2.7	- 2.3	+ 195
Mexico	- 1.4	0.0	+ 82
Peru	+ 3.5	+ 5.3	+ 112
New Zealand	+ 0.4	+ 1.2	+ 46
Sweden	+ 1.0	0.0	+ 77
Switzerland	0.0	- 0.9	+ 106
Union of South Africa ..	+ 1.1	+ 1.7	+ 59
United Kingdom	+ 1.7	+ 2.3	+ 72
United States	+ 1.3	+ 1.7	+ 41

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS
FIRST HALF OF 1945

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	December, 1944	June, 1944	August, 1939
	- and latest month available in first half of 1945 -		
Australia	- 0.1	0.0	+ 23
Canada	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	+ 19
Iceland	+ 0.7	+ 2.6	+ 147
Mexico	+ 4.3	+ 3.2	+ 109
Newfoundland	+ 1.4	- 0.9	+ 54
Peru	+ 6.9	+ 11.0	+ 30
Switzerland	+ 1.0	+ 1.0	+ 53
Union of South Africa ..	+ 1.2	+ 2.4	+ 34
United Kingdom	+ 1.5	+ 2.0	+ 32
United States	+ 1.6	+ 2.9	+ 31

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

Dominion Bureau of Statistics

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No. of Commodities	General Index		Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods		Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods		Canadian Farm Products
	1926	510(a) 1913	207 1926	366 1926	213 1926	297 1926			1926
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8			64.1
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8			160.6
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			100.0
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0			100.8
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8			48.4
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2			51.0
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2			73.6
1939	75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3			64.3
1940	82.9	129.5	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5			67.1
1941	90.0	140.6	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8			71.2
1942	95.6	149.3	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9			82.5
1943	100.0	156.2	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1			95.9
1944	102.5	160.1	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6			102.9
1939 August	72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6			58.4
1944 July	102.5	160.1	97.4	99.9	103.9	93.4			102.0
August	102.3	159.8	97.2	99.7	103.6	93.5			101.2
September	102.3	159.8	97.2	99.7(b)	103.4	93.6			101.1(b)
October	102.3(b)	159.8(b)	97.1	99.7	103.5(b)	93.6			102.9(b)
November	102.4	159.9	97.1	99.7	103.5(b)	93.7			103.1
December	102.5	160.1	97.0	100.2(b)	103.6	93.7			103.3
1945 January	102.8	160.6	97.4	100.4	104.3	93.8			104.4
February	102.9	160.7	97.4	100.4	104.5	93.8			104.6
March	103.0	160.9	97.5	100.7	104.7	93.7			105.1
April	103.4	161.5	97.6	101.0	104.7	94.2			105.3
May	103.0	160.9	98.0	100.5	105.0	93.8			104.6
June	103.2	161.2	98.4	100.5	105.8	93.7			105.7

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.

(b) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	N O R T H A M E R I C A		S O U T H A M E R I C A	
	MEXICO		CHILE	
AUTHORITY	UNITED STATES		ARGENTINA	
	Banco de		La Nacion	
General Index	Farm Products		Official	
	Index		Official	
No. of Commodities	67		108	
	1926		1926	
Base Period	889(a)		1913	
	1926		1913	
1913	69.8	71.5	100.0	100
1920	154.4	150.7	-	239
1926	100.0(a)	100.0	-	203
1929	95.3	104.9	100.0	186
1932	64.8	48.2	84.3	170
1933	66.0	51.4	89.8	180
1938	78.6	68.5	126.3	205
1939	77.1	65.3	127.0	215
1940	78.6	67.7	128.2	248
1941	87.3	82.4	123.4	290
1942	98.8	105.9	145.1	367
1943	103.1	122.6	187.6	421
1944	104.0	123.3	202.4(c)	226(b)
1939 August	75.0	61.0	211.3	838.1
1944 July	104.1	124.1	102.9	414.0
August	103.9	122.6	234.6	846.7
September	104.0	122.7	234.0	865.8
October	104.1	123.4	233.9	872.8
November	104.4	124.4	236.3	876.2
December	104.7	125.5	240.3	889.7
1945 January	104.9	126.2	237.9	879.7
February	105.2	127.0	233.2	865.7
March	105.3	127.2	230.6	866.3
April	105.7	129.0	236.3	872.8
May	106.0	129.9	240.8	876.9
June	106.1	130.4	242.6	236
			234.5	237

1934-36=100

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.

(b) New series. 1943 average is 219.

(c) Revised.

CONTINENT	EUROPE					
	COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM	SWITZERLAND	GERMANY	SWEDEN	SPAIN
AUTHORITY	Board of Trade	Economist	Federal Labour Department	Federal Statistical Office	Commerce Department	Official
		10(d) 1935	78 July, 1914	400 1913	160 1935(e)	106 1913
No. of	200					
Commodities	1930					
1913	-	150.2	-	100.0	100(e)	100.0
1920	(c) 307.3	290.5	-	136.7 July	359(e)	223.4
1926	(c) 148.1	199.1	144.5	(a) 134.4	149(e)	174.8
1929	(c) 136.5	166.2	141.2	137.2	140(e)	167.7
1932	85.6	84.9	96.0	96.5	109(e)	166.6
1933	85.7	90.9	91.0	93.3	107(e)	159.1
1938	101.4	101.1	107.1	105.7	111	212.0
1939	102.8	109.4	111.2	106.9	115	241.9
1940	136.6	133.5	143.0	110	146	288.8
1941	152.6	137.4	183.5	112	172	341.5
1942	159.4	142.2	209.6	114	189	375.4
1943	162.8	147.2	218.2	116	196	419.0
1944	166.2	156.7	222.6		196	
		(b)	(b)			
1939 August	98.1	106.4	107.4	107	111	244.2
1944 July	167.1	158.6	224.1	119	198	
August	167.5	158.6	223.5	118	197	
September	167.1	158.6	222.8	118	196	
October	166.7	158.6	222.7	118	195	
November	166.9	158.6	222.0	118	195	
December	167.2	158.6	221.4		195	
1945 January	167.2	158.6	221.0		195	
February	167.2	158.7	221.0		195	
March	167.8	161.3	220.9		195	
April	167.7	161.4	221.3		196	
May	168.4	161.2	221.4		196	
June	170.1				197	

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (d) Sensitive commodities.
(e) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116.

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CONTINENT		ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
COUNTRY		INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT	
AUTHORITY		Department of Statistics Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo	
No. of Commodities		72		180	188	23	
Base Period		July, 1914	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-30=1000	1913	Jan. 1913-July, 1914	
1913		-	-	-	100.0	-	
1920		201	-	-	223.3	316	
1926		148	(c)	-	123.3	132	
1929		141	110.3	988	115.1	116	
1932		91	-	878	91.5	84	
1933		87	-	904	93.1	71	
1938		95	100.5	1036	104.4	91	
1939		108	101.1	1071	101.9	88	
1940		120	104.7	1195	113.2	100	
1941		139	114.0	1311	124.3	130	
1942		185	124.2	1416	139.5	181	
1943		307	137.3	1513	151.6	228	
1944		298	139.6	1558	157.0	270	
		(a)		(b)			
1939 August		100	97.9	1084	(d) 99.8	83	
1944 July		299	141.0(e)	1566	156.2	267	
August		298	140.8(e)	1558	156.2	281	
September		301	139.9(e)	1559	156.5	275	
October		297	139.7(e)	1559	157.3	288	
November		299	139.8(e)	1574	158.1	291	
December		301	139.8(e)	1577	157.0	295	
1945 January		299	139.5	1570	157.8	300	
February		299	140.2	1580	157.2	293	
March		306	140.7	1577	157.5	292	
April		296	141.8	1589	158.0		
May		293	140.8	1581	158.8		
June			141.5	1583			

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) July, 1939. (e) Revised.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	N O R T H A M E R I C A				M E X I C O			
	CANADA		UNITED STATES		MEXICO			
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board		Mexico City	
Base Period	Cost of Living 1935-39	Foods 1935-39	Cost of Living 1935-39	Foods 1935-39	Cost of Living 1923	Foods 1923	Cost of Living 1934	Foods 1934
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	118.2	136.2	-	-
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	110.6	-	-
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	100.1	106.9	-	-
1932	99.0	85.7	97.6	86.4	77.9	69.7	-	-
1933	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	67.8	-	-
1938	102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	85.7	78.7	153.3	157.9
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	84.5	76.6	155.4	156.2
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.3	77.7	157.3	153.6
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.0	85.3	163.9	158.5
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	100.9	188.3	179.0
1943	118.4	130.7	123.5	138.0	103.3	112.6	246.6	229.8
1944	118.9	131.3	125.5	136.1	104.6	110.9	310.0	297.2
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)		
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.0	75.3	156.0	157.4
1944 July	119.0	132.0	126.1	137.4	105.0	111.9	325.2	317.1
August	118.9	131.5	126.4	137.7	105.1	111.9	322.1(c)	312.9
September	118.8	131.2	126.5	137.0	105.0	111.5	326.7(c)	317.0
October	118.6	130.8	126.5	136.4	105.1	111.1	330.6(c)	320.3
November	118.9	131.6	126.6	136.5	105.2	111.1	325.6(c)	313.1
December	118.5	130.3	127.0	137.4	105.7(c)	112.3(c)	312.8(c)	296.3
1945 January	118.6	130.2	127.1	137.3	105.7	112.1	314.0	297.9
February	118.6	130.6	126.9	136.5	105.5	111.2	314.6	298.5
March	118.7	131.0	126.8	135.9	105.4	110.8	315.6	300.1
April	118.7	131.0	127.1	136.6	105.8	111.6	319.8	304.7
May	119.0	131.7	128.1	138.8	106.2	112.7	322.8	308.0
June	119.6	133.4	129.0	141.1	106.9	114.8	326.2	312.0

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Revised.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA			UNITED KINGDOM			E U R O P E			SWITZERLAND		
	NEWFOUNDLAND			Minister of Labour			105 Towns and Localities			34 Towns		
Nature of Index	Official			Cost of Living			Cost of Living			Cost of Living		
	St. John's	Foods, St. Johns		Living	Foods		Living	Foods		Living	Foods	
Base Period	October, 1938			July, 1914	July, 1914		July, 1914	July, 1914		June, 1914	June, 1914	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	249	256	-	-	-	224	242	242	-
1926	-	-	-	172	164	-	185	179	162	160	160	-
1929	-	-	-	164	154	-	176	169	161	156	156	-
1932	-	-	-	144	126	-	157	141	138	126	126	-
1933	-	-	-	140	120	-	151	131	131	117	117	-
1938	-	-	-	156	141	-	173	159	137	130	130	-
1939	-	104.4(b)	108.6(b)	158	141	-	178	163	138	132	132	-
1940	-	-	-	184	164	-	205	183	151	146	146	-
1941	-	128.2(b)	143.0(b)	199	168	-	226	202	174	175	175	-
1942	140.3	163.1	163.1	200	161	-	250	225	193	200	200	-
1943	149.1	173.5	173.5	199	166	-	282	247	203	211	211	-
1944	160.7	180.4	180.4	201	168	-	295	262	207	215	215	-
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	-	(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)	(d)	-
1939 August	-	-	-	155	137	-	173	158	137	131	131	-
1944 July	161.2	183.1	183.1	201	169	-	-	-	209	217	217	-
August	162.4	185.9	185.9	202	170	-	296	263	208	216	216	-
September	159.9	180.5	180.5	202	169	-	-	-	208	215	215	-
October	157.9	176.3	176.3	201	168	-	-	-	208	215	215	-
November	158.8	176.9	176.9	201	168	-	296	264	208	215	215	-
December	158.7	176.8	176.8	201	168	-	-	-	208	215	215	-
1945 January	157.8	176.5	176.5	202	168	-	-	-	209	216	216	-
February	158.7	-	-	202	168	-	295	263	209	216	216	-
March	160.6	-	-	202	168	-	-	-	209	216	216	-
April	160.8	-	-	202	168	-	-	-	209	216	216	-
May	161.0	-	-	203	168	-	292	259	210	216	216	-
June	161.0	-	-	204	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) First of month. (b) October. (c) Middle of month. (d) Last week of month.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE			AFRICA			SOUTH AFRICA			ASIA		
	PORTUGAL	ICELAND	EGYPT	EGYPT	EGYPT	EGYPT	EGYPT	EGYPT	EGYPT	INDIA	INDIA	INDIA
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
Base Period	June 1914	Jan.-March, 1939	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	July/33- June/34	July/33- June/34	July/33- June/34
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458	1,660	1,660	1,660	1,660	-	-	-
1926	-	-	160	158(b)	1,063	1,096	1,096	1,096	1,096	-	-	-
1929	2,361	-	151	146	1,066	1,072	1,072	1,072	1,072	-	-	-
1932	1,949	-	132	112	958	891	891	891	891	-	-	-
1933	1,948	-	125	101	932	917	917	917	917	-	-	-
1938	2,037	-	131	115	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
1939	1,918	103	131	112	999	993	993	993	993	106	106	113
1940	2,009	128	143	118	1,034	1,025	1,025	1,025	1,025	106	106	114
1941	2,268	160	177	147	1,082	1,099	1,099	1,099	1,099	112	112	125
1942	2,758	206	235	196	1,173	1,211	1,211	1,211	1,211	124	124	140
1943	3,118	256	310	264	1,244	1,316	1,316	1,316	1,316	157	157	180
1944	3,208	268	351	304	1,288	1,374	1,374	1,374	1,374	230(d)	230(d)	253
	(a)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	237	237	-
1939 August	1,903	103	128	110	993	977	977	977	977	105	105	112
1944 July	3,205	266	353	307	1,285	1,373	1,373	1,373	1,373	241	241	270
August	3,218	266	359	318	1,274	1,341	1,341	1,341	1,341	250	250	-
September	3,243	272	365	324	1,281	1,356	1,356	1,356	1,356	239	239	-
October	3,267	271	370	330	1,301	1,363	1,363	1,363	1,363	239	239	271
November	3,281	271	369	327	1,308	1,383	1,383	1,383	1,383	242	242	277
December	3,298	273	370	325	1,311	1,386	1,386	1,386	1,386	236	236	267
1945 January	3,379	274	371	323	1,315	1,397	1,397	1,397	1,397	229	229	254
February	3,420	274	371	322	1,314	1,393	1,393	1,393	1,393	229	229	254
March	3,432	274	374	325	1,319	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404	225	225	253
April	3,446	274	374	325	1,322	1,411	1,411	1,411	1,411	226	226	255
May	3,476	274	374	325	1,327	1,424	1,424	1,424	1,424	-	-	-
June	-	275	374	325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month. (d) Revised.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	O C E A N I A				CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA	
	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		JAMAICA	
Nature of Index	JAPAN		Foods and Groceries, 6 Capital Cities		Cost of Living, Kingston Foods, Kingston	
	Cost of Living, Tokyo	Cost of Living, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Kingston	Cost of Living, Kingston
Base Period	Jan.-June, 1939	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-1930	1926-1930	August, 1939	1935
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	101.9	-	-	-
1926	-	(c)	101.0	-	-	-
1929	-	115.5	100.4	-	-	-
1932	-	-	83.8	-	-	-
1933	-	-	79.5	-	-	-
1938	-	99.8	95.1	-	-	-
1939	(g)	102.9	99.0	-	-	-
1940	120	105.1	103.5	120.5	123.7	129
1941	122	111.1	107.3	135.2	133.1	140
1942	125	117.6	110.9	152.2	144.4	159
1943	133	126.7	100.2(d)	157.1	143.9	184
1944	(b)	127.0	100.3(d)	159.1	139.2	195
		(a)	(d)	(e)	(e)	(f)
1939 August	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	108
1944 July	147	-	-	158.4	135.9	194
August	148	-	-	153.8	133.7	194
September	155	127.3	100.3	156.9	137.1	194
October	157	-	-	159.7	140.6	193
November	161	-	-	159.6	140.9	193
December	-	127.0	100.4	159.7	139.9	193
1945 January	-	-	-	158.7	137.7	193
February	-	-	-	158.5	137.0	193
March	-	126.6	100.6	158.1	137.4	195
April	-	-	-	157.3	137.4	195
May	-	-	-	-	-	195
June	-	126.9	100.5	-	-	195

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) New wartime price series on base December 1943=100, computed quarterly, beginning March 1943. (e) End of month. (f) First of month. (g) Source: League of Nations Bulletin of

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA				CHILE				PERU			
	ARGENTINA				BRAZIL				SOUTH AMERICA			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living		Foods, Buenos Aires		Cost of Living		Foods, Rio de Janeiro		Cost of Living, Santiago		Foods, Santiago	
	Base Period	1939	1939	1939	1912	1912	1912	1912	1928	1928	1928	1913
1913					102	106			-	100	-	100
1920		-	-	-	167	170			-	210	-	208
1926		-	-	-	266	236			-	201	-	182
1929		-	-	-	267	242				177	119	159
1932		-	-	-	235	218				151	115	143
1933		88.3	-	-	233	214			(b)141	(a)148	147	139
1938		98.4	-	-	341	309			184	172	214	169
1939		100.0	100.0	100.0	350	315			187	170	210	159
1940		102.3	102.3	102.3	363	333			210	183	245	174
1941		105.0	105.2	105.2	406	359			242	198	281	197
1942		110.9	115.1	115.1	453	404			304	222	367	220
1943		112.1	116.6	116.6	503	469			354	242	434	244
1944		109.6	117.2	117.2					395	(c)181	465	(c)187
1939 August		99.5	-	-	347	310			186	1934-1936=100	206	(c)
1944 July		110.7	-	-	567	547			388	185	438	191
August		106.0	113.5	113.5	569	550			400	187	465	195
September		109.6	117.8	117.8	572	558			420	187	504	193
October		111.5	121.0	121.0	576	569			436	188	539	194
November		110.3	118.7	118.7	585	590			435	188	524	194
December		114.7	123.1	123.1					413	189	471	195
1945 January		120.5	120.5	120.5					411	193	465	201
February		122.6	122.8	122.8					413	195	470	205
March		131.8	140.4	140.4					416	197	472	207
April		131.9	140.7	140.7					421	198	479	207
May		132.3	141.8	141.8						201		207
June		132.4	142.0	142.0						202		207

(a) Since October, 1933, including heating. (b) Revised index, including rent. (c) New series. 1943 averages are 164 and 159 respectively for cost of living and food.

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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1945

A survey of changes in world wholesale price index numbers in the second half of 1945 showed fairly numerous declines, ranging from less than 1 p.c. to 4 p.c. The number of increases recorded was not preponderant as has been the case usually during the past six years.

Price series for Canada and the United States recorded fractional percentage gains, 0.1 and 0.9 respectively, between June and December, 1945. Mexico was exceptional in the western hemisphere with a rise of 9.5 p.c. between June and December.

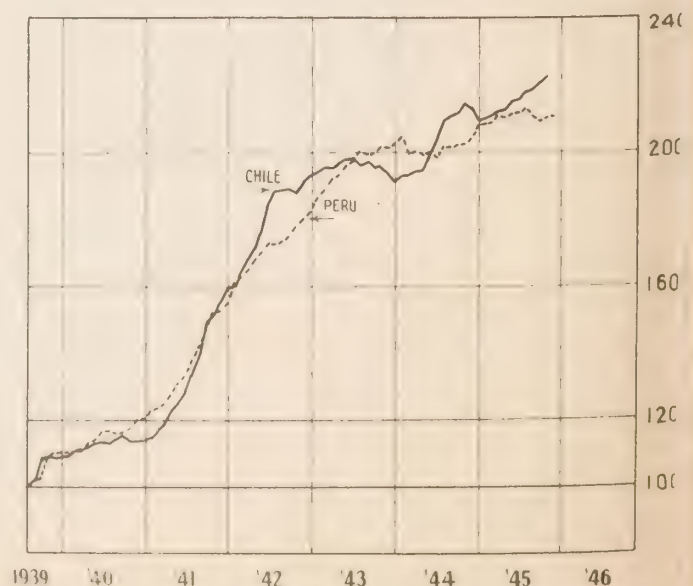
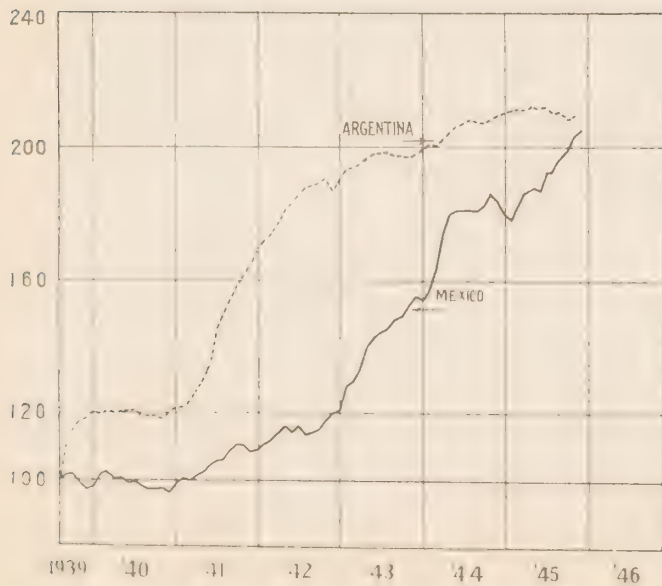
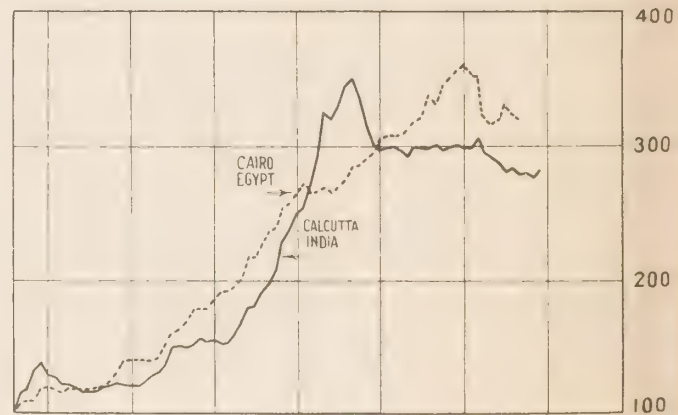
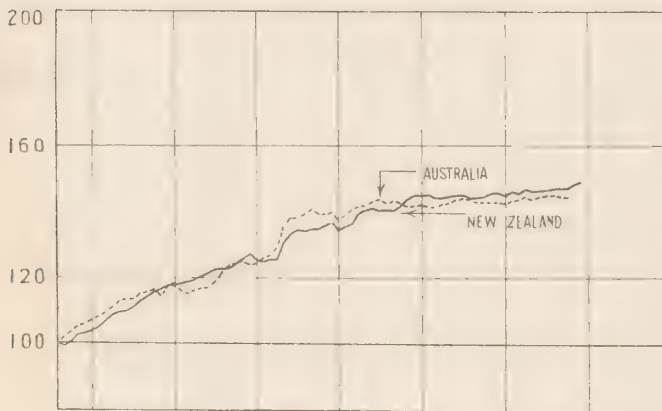
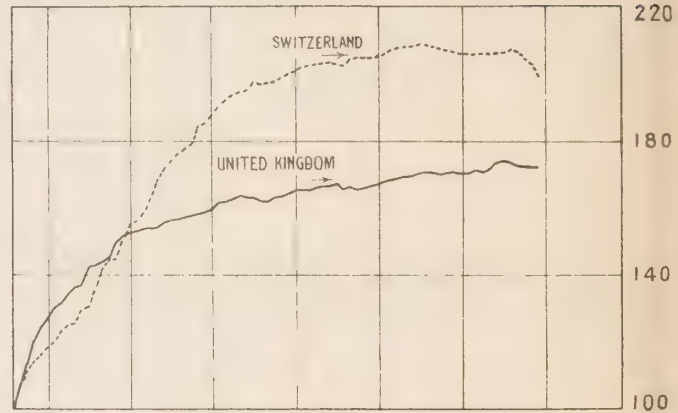
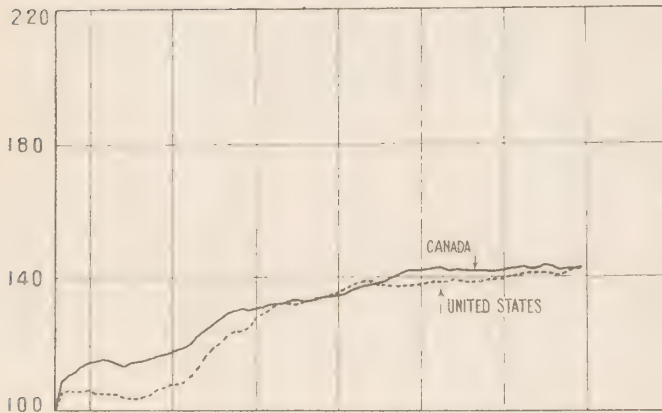
Among European countries wholesale price indexes showed varying trends. Series for the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway moved down in the second half of 1945; with the exception of the United Kingdom all recorded net declines for the year. The Bulgarian index, which had increased by 30 p.c. in the first half of 1945, advanced only 3 p.c. between June and December. Index numbers for France and Finland, on the other hand, continued to show substantial gains. A provisional index for France, based on regulated wholesale prices, rose 13 p.c. between June and September, 1945. This increase was moderate, however, compared with a 39 p.c. rise in the previous quarter. The wholesale index for Finland, showing an accelerated rate of increase in the second half of the year, rose 56 p.c. from June to November.

Small changes continued to be the rule among cost-of-living series. Declines of less than 2 p.c. from June to December, 1945 were recorded by series for Newfoundland, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Increases ranged from fractional percentage gains for Australia, Canada and the United States, to net gains of 3 to 4 p.c. for Argentina, Peru, and Iceland. Beyond these limits, Mexico showed a June-December rise of 11 p.c., and Finland an advance of 67 p.c. between June and December 1945. The cost-of-living index for Bulgaria was down 6 p.c. in December from the June, 1945 peak of 575 (1939=100).

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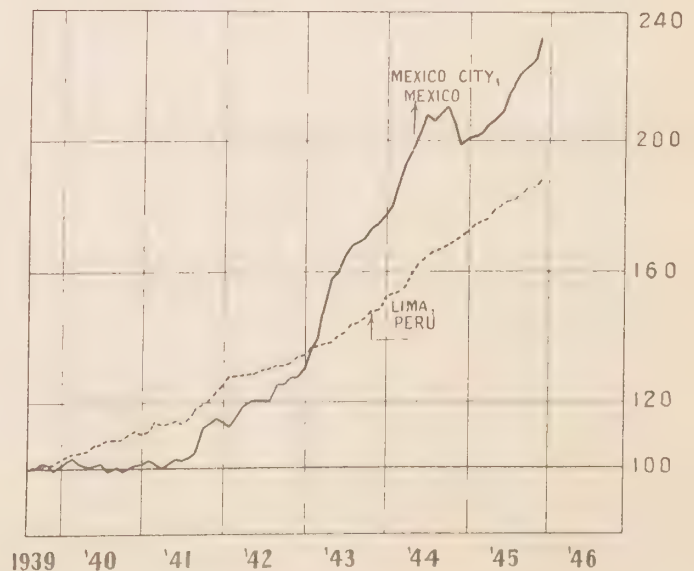
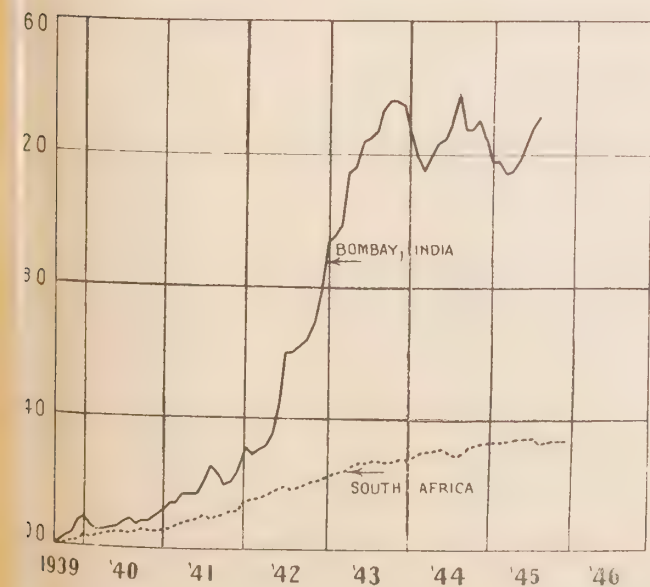
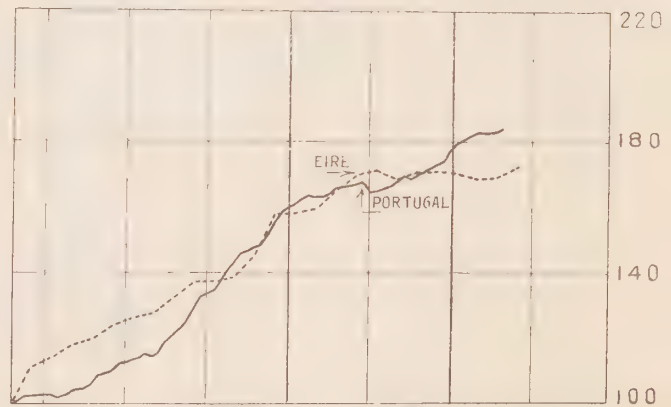
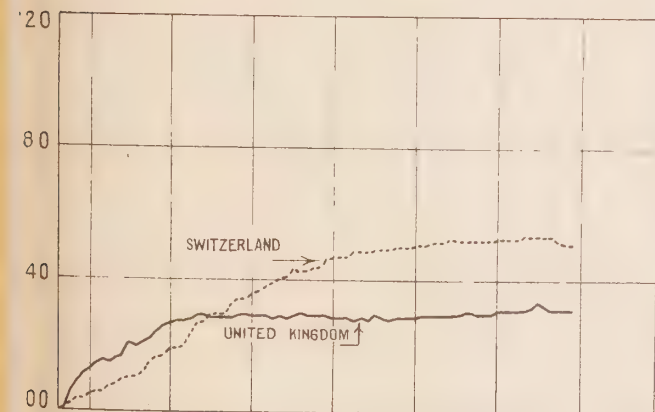
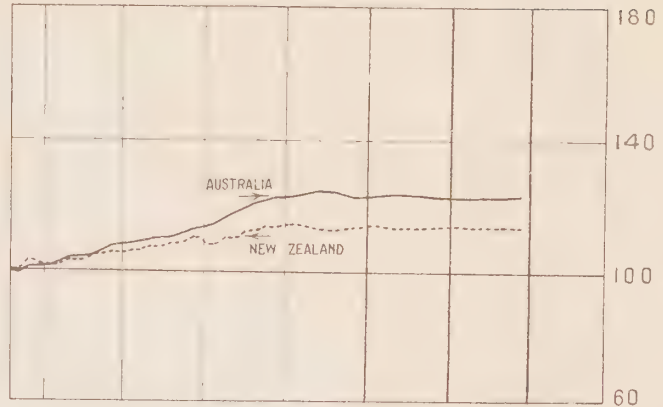
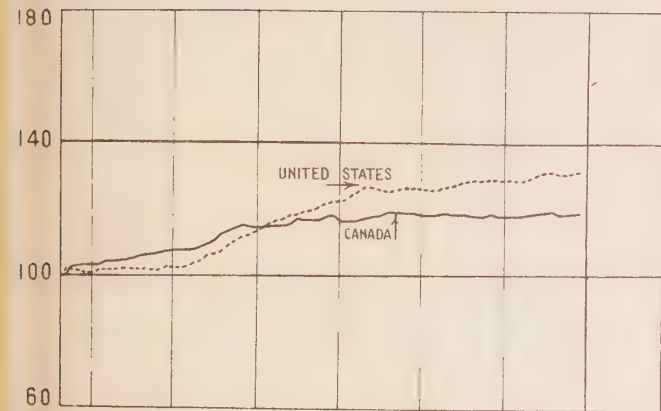
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

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CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1945

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	June, 1945	December, 1944	August, 1939
	- and December, 1945 -		
Bulgaria	+ 3.2	+ 29.6	-
Canada	+ 0.1	+ 0.8	+ 43
Denmark	-4.2	- 6.8	+ 84
India	-1.4	- 6.0	+182
Mexico	+ 9.5	+ 11.5	+105
New Zealand	+ 1.9	+ 2.3	+ 49
Peru	-0.3	+ 3.1	+110
Sweden	-3.6	- 2.6	+ 71
Switzerland	-3.3	- 3.2	+ 99
Union of South Africa	-0.4	+ 1.3	+ 59
United Kingdom	-0.5	+ 1.3	+ 73
United States	+ 0.9	+ 2.3	+ 43

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1945

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	June, 1945	December, 1944	August, 1939
	- and December, 1945 -		
Argentina	+ 3.4	+ 19.4	+ 38
Australia	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 23
Bulgaria	-6.1	+ 24.4	-
Canada	+ 0.4	+ 1.4	+ 19
Iceland	+ 3.6	+ 4.4	+177
Mexico	+10.7	+ 15.5	+131
Newfoundland	-1.2	+ 0.2	+ 52
New Zealand	-0.2	- 0.1	+ 14
Peru	+ 3.9	+ 10.9	+ 87
Switzerland	-1.4	- 0.5	+ 51
Sweden	0.0	0.0	+ 43
Union of South Africa	-0.5	+ 0.9	+ 33
United Kingdom	-0.5	+ 1.0	+ 31
United States	+ 0.7	+ 2.3	+ 32

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CONTINENT
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Dominion Bureau of Statistics

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No. of

Commodities

508(a)

Base Period

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1939 August

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1945 January

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February

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August

105.7

September

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December

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(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510

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(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.
 (b) New series. 1943 average is 219.
 (c) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM		SWITZERLAND		GERMANY		SWEDEN		SPAIN
	Board of Trade	Economist	Federal Labour Department	Federal Statist- tical Office	Commerce Department	Official			
No. of Commodities	200	10(d)	78	400	160	106			
Base Period	1930	1935	July, 1914	1913	1935(e)	1913			
1913	-	150.2	-	100.0	100(e)	100.0			
1920	(c) 307.3	290.5	-	136.7 July	359(e)	223.4			
1926	(c) 148.1	199.1	144.5	(a) 134.4	149(e)	174.8			
1929	(c) 136.5	166.2	141.2	137.2	140(e)	167.7			
1932	85.6	84.9	96.0	96.5	109(e)	166.6			
1933	85.7	90.9	91.0	93.3	107(e)	159.1			
1938	101.4	101.1	107.1	105.7	111	212.0			
1939	102.8	109.4	111.2	106.9	115	241.9			
1940	136.6	133.5	143.0	110	146	288.8			
1941	152.6	137.4	183.5	112	172	341.5			
1942	159.4	142.2	209.6	114	189	875.4			
1943	162.8	147.2	218.2	116	196	419.0			
1944	166.2	156.7 (b)	222.6 (f)	118	196				
1939 August	98.1	106.4	107.4	107	111	244.2			
1945 January	167.2	158.6	221.0		195	480.1			
February	167.2	158.7	221.0		195	473.0			
March	167.8	161.3	220.9		196	477.7			
April	167.7	161.4	221.3		196	484.4			
May	168.4	161.2	221.4		196	482.6			
June	170.1	167.6	221.7		197				
July	170.8	167.6	222.1		196				
August	170.6	167.6	223.0		194				
September	169.6	168.6	222.1		191				
October	169.4	168.6	219.7		191				
November	169.4	168.6	218.5		191				
December	169.3(g)	168.6	214.3		190				
(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (d) Sensitive commodities.									
(e) 1913-24, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116. (f) Average, January-November. (g) Revised.									

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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	AUTHORITY	E				P		E		NORWAY	
		BULGARIA	U	R	DENMARK	O	FINLAND	FRANCE	Central	Bureau of	Statistics
		Official		Department of Statistics			Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistique Generale			
No. of		72		118			296	135			95
Commodities							1935	1938 (b)			1938
Base Period		1939(a)		1935							
1913		-		-			-	-			-
1920		-		-			-	-			-
1926		2973(a)		117			108	-			97
1929		3304(a)		108			100	-			80
1932		1937(b)		84			99	-			80
1933		1731(a)		90			114	-			100
1938		2164(a)		112			120	100			102
1939		100		118			161	104			133
1940		116		172			197	132			163
1941		148		203			243	159			172
1942		188		213			276	188			175
1943		237		214			305	218			177
1944		345		217				252			
1939 August		-		111			117	-			98
1945 January		473		219			322	260			178
February		502		219			326	268			178
March		531		220			331	269			178
April		544		219			343	320			178
May		566		219			348	367			179
June		569		213			383	373			178
July		564		212			421	373			178
August		563		211			489	380			180
September		565		209			515	421			177
October		566		206			577				
November		569		204			596				
December		587		204							

(a) Prior to 1939, base 1914=100. 1939 average is 2189 and August, 1939 index is 2158.

(b) Provisional index numbers based on 1941 consumption weights.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
	COUNTRY	INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
AUTHORITY		Department of Statistics Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities		72		180	188	23
Base Period		July, 1914	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-30=1000	1913	Jan. 1913-July, 1914
1913		-	-	-	100.0	-
1920		201	-	1536	223.3	316
1926		148	(c)	1053	123.3	132
1929		141	110.3	988	115.1	116
1932		91	-	878	91.5	84
1933		87	-	904	93.1	71
1938		95	100.5	1036	104.4	91
1939		108	101.1	1071	101.9	88
1940		120	104.7	1195	113.2	100
1941		139	114.0	1311	124.3	130
1942		185	124.2	1416	139.5	181
1943		307	137.3	1513	151.6	228
1944		298	139.6	1558	157.0	270
1939 August		(a)		(b)		
		100	97.9	1084	(d) 99.8	83
1945 January		299	139.6(e)	1571	157.8	300
February		299	140.4(e)	1580	157.2	294
March		306	140.8(e)	1577	157.5	292
April		296	141.9(e)	1589	158.0	268
May		293	141.0(e)	1581	158.8	262
June		287	141.7(e)	1583	159.7	266
July		281	141.8	1587	160.6	275
August		283	141.9	1591	160.7	269
September		279	141.6	1592	160.7	266
October		280	141.3	1594	160.6	
November		277		1605	160.3	
December		283		1613	159.0	

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) July, 1939. (e) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA				MEXICO			
	CANADA		UNITED STATES				Official	
Nature of Index - Base Period	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board		Cost of Living	
	Cost of Living 1921-29	Foods 1935-39	Price Index (d) 1935-39	Cost of Living 1935-39	Foods 1923	Cost of Living 1924	Foods 1934	
1912	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	118.2	136.1	-	-
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	110.6	-	-
1929	121.7	134.7	122.1	122.5	100.1	106.9	-	-
1932	99.0	85.7	97.6	86.4	77.9	63.7	-	-
1933	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	67.8	-	-
1938	102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	85.7	78.7	153.3	157.9
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	84.5	76.6	156.2	156.2
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.3	77.7	153.6	153.6
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.0	85.3	158.5	158.5
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	100.9	179.0	179.0
1943	118.4	130.7	123.6(c)	138.0	103.3	112.6	229.8	229.8
1944	118.9	131.3	125.5	136.1	104.6	110.9	297.2	297.2
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)		
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.0	73.3	157.4	157.4
1945 January	118.6	130.2	127.1	137.3	105.7	112.1	297.9	297.9
February	118.6	130.6	126.9	136.5	105.5	111.2	298.5	298.5
March	118.7	131.0	126.8	135.9	105.4	110.8	300.1	300.1
April	118.7	131.0	127.1	136.6	105.8	111.6	304.7	304.7
May	119.0	131.7	128.1	138.8	106.2	112.7	308.0	308.0
June	119.6	133.4	129.0	141.1	106.9	114.8	312.0	312.0
July	120.3	135.6	129.4	141.7	106.9	114.9	320.8	320.8
August	120.5	136.2	129.3	140.9	106.6	113.9	328.6	328.6
September	119.9	134.2	128.9	139.4	106.2	112.9	333.9	333.9
October	119.7	133.3	128.9	139.3	106.3	112.8	337.7	337.7
November	119.9	134.0	129.3	140.1	106.7	113.9	341.3	341.3
December	120.1	134.3	129.9	141.4	107.1	114.9	354.0	354.0

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (d) Since August, 1945, "Consumers' Price Index for Moderate-Income Families in Large Cities." (c) Revised.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA		EUROPE		EIRE		SWITZERLAND	
	NEWFOUNDLAND		UNITED KINGDOM		105 Towns and Localities		54 Towns	
	Official		Minister of Labour		Cost of Living		Cost of Living	
Nature of Index	Living, St. John's	Foods, St. Johns	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	October, 1938	October, 1938	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	249	256	-	-	224	242
1926	-	-	172	164	-	-	162	160
1929	-	-	164	154	185	179	161	156
1932	-	-	144	126	176	169	138	126
1933	-	-	140	120	157	141	131	117
1938	-	-	156	141	151	131	137	130
1939	-	108.6(b)	158	141	173	159	138	132
1940	104.4(b)	-	184	164	205	183	151	146
1941	123.2(b)	143.0(b)	199	168	226	202	174	175
1942	140.3	163.1	200	161	250	225	193	200
1943	148.1	173.5	199	166	282	247	203	211
1944	160.7	180.4	201	168	295	262	207	215
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)
1939 August	-	-	155	137	173	158	137	131
1945 January	157.8	176.5	202	168	-	-	209	216
February	153.7	-	202	168	295	263	209	216
March	160.6	-	202	163	-	-	209	216
April	160.8	-	202	168	-	-	209	216
May	161.0	-	203	168	292	259	210	216
June	161.0	-	204	170	-	-	210	217
July	164.4	-	207	176	-	-	210	217
August	166.2	-	205	172	293	261	210	216
September	158.3	-	203	169	-	-	210	216
October	153.2	-	203	169	-	-	208	213
November	159.0	-	203	169	298	271	207	210
December	159.0	-	203	169	-	-	207	210

(a) First of month, (b) October, (c) Middle of month, (d) Last week of month.

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COUNTRY	E			P			E		
	BULGARIA			DENMARK			FINLAND		
	12			100			36		
Nature of Index	Towns (a)			Localities			Towns		
	Cost of Living	Foods	1939	Cost of Living	Foods	1935	Cost of Living	Foods	1935(c)
Base Period	1939	1939	1939	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935(c)
1913	-	-	-	(d)	-	-	(d)	269(c)	293(c)
1920	-	-	-	108	-	-	172(c)	158(c)	158(c)
1926	2,629(b)	2,813(b)	-	101	-	119	169(c)	149(c)	149(c)
1929	2,941(b)	2,992(b)	-	91	-	103	156(c)	125(c)	125(c)
1932	2,160(b)	1,765(b)	-	93	-	100	153(c)	121(c)	121(c)
1935	2,006(b)	1,680(b)	-	107	108	108	106	112	112
1938	1,767(b)	1,898(b)	-	109	-	111	109	115	115
1939	100	100	-	136	-	132	123	131	131
1940	112	113	-	157	169	155	139	149	149
1941	135	143	-	164	169	183	151	162	162
1942	178	199	-	166	167	206	153	160	160
1943	226	268	-	168	168	219	154	160	160
1944	339	425	-	107(e)	108(e)	109	108	114	114
1939 August	-	-	-	169	169	222	-	-	-
1945 January	461	586	-	-	-	222	-	-	-
February	505	651	-	-	-	223	155	159	159
March	515	660	-	170	170	225	-	-	-
April	521	648	-	-	-	228	-	-	-
May	515	637	-	-	-	264	154	157	157
June	575	754	-	170	170	306	-	-	-
July	504	620	-	-	-	341	-	-	-
August	490	599	-	-	-	354	155	159	159
September	493	603	-	-	-	422	-	-	-
October	508	615	-	170	169	434	-	-	-
November	527	651	-	-	-	440	154	157	157
December	540	672	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Workingman's family. (b) Old series, 1914=100. 1939 averages are 1808 and 1832 for Cost of Living and Foods respectively. (c) July, 1914=100, prior to 1935. (d) Includes direct taxation. (e) July quarter, 1939.

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CONTINENT	E U R O P E			A F R I C A			A S I A		
	PORTUGAL			EGYPT			INDIA		
Nature of Index	ICELAND			SOUTH AFRICA			INDIA		
	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living, Cairo	Foods, Cairo	Cost of Living, 9 Towns	Cost of Living, Bombay	Foods, Bombay	
Base Period	June 1914	Jan.-March, 1939	Reykjavik	Jan. 1913-July, 1914		1938=1000	July/33	July/33-June/34	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	160	158(b)	1,063	-	-	-
1929	2,361	-	-	151	146	1,066	-	-	-
1932	1,949	-	-	132	112	958	-	-	-
1933	1,948	-	-	125	101	932	-	-	-
1938	2,037	-	-	131	115	1,000	-	-	-
1939	1,918	103	104	131	112	999	106	113	113
1940	2,009	128	136	143	118	1,034	106	114	114
1941	2,268	160	189	177	147	1,082	112	125	125
1942	2,758	206	264	235	196	1,173	124	140	140
1943	3,118	256	330	310	264	1,244	157	180	180
1944	3,208	263	334	351	304	1,288	230	253	253
	(a)	(c)	(c)				237	-	-
1939 August	1,903	103	104	128	110	993	105	112	112
						977			
1945 January	3,379	274	341	371	323	1,315	229	254	254
February	3,420	274	340	371	322	1,314	229	254	254
March	3,432	274	340	374	325	1,319	225	253	253
April	3,446	274	337	369	314	1,322	226	255	255
May	3,476	274	337	365	307	1,327	230	263	263
June	3,472	275	337	365	306	1,329	235	271	271
July	3,476	275	337	363	314	1,330	240	281	281
August	3,482	275	334	373	322	1,318	243	287	287
September	3,496	278	340	375	327	1,319			
October		285	354			1,324			
November		284	351			1,323			
December		285	351			1,323			

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month.

FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	AUSTRALIA			NEW ZEALAND			JAMAICA			CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA		
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	Cost of Living, Aral	Cost of Living, Capital	Foods and Groceries, 6 Capital	Cost of Living, 25	Cost of Living, 25	Cost of Living, 25	Cost of Living, Kingston	Foods Kingston	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Nature of Index	JULY, 1942 (a)			JULY, 1942 (a)			AUGUST, 1939			1935		
Base Period	JULY, 1942 (a)			JULY, 1942 (a)			AUGUST, 1939			1935		
1913	-	-	-	101.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	(c)	-	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	115.0	115.5	83.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1932	-	-	-	79.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1933	-	-	-	95.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1938	-	99.8	98.9	99.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	-	102.9	104.8	103.5	-	-	120.5	123.7	129	129	129	129
1940	-	105.1	106.1	107.3	-	-	135.2	133.1	140	140	140	140
1941	-	111.1	108.4	110.9	-	-	152.2	144.4	159	159	159	159
1942	110	117.6	111.8	100.2(d)	-	-	157.1	143.9	184	184	184	184
1943	133	126.7	120.3	100.3(d)	-	-	159.1	139.2	195	195	195	195
1944	138	127.0	117.2	(d)	-	-	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)
1939 August	(g)	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	108	-	-	-
1945 January	145	-	117.3	-	-	-	158.7	137.7	193	204	204	204
February	144	-	117.3	-	-	-	158.5	137.0	193	204	204	204
March	147	-	118.2	100.6	-	-	158.1	137.4	195	207	207	207
April	147	126.6	118.4	-	-	-	157.3	137.4	195	207	207	207
May	147	-	118.5	-	-	-	158.9	142.3	195	207	207	207
June	145	126.9	118.9	100.5	-	-	159.6	143.6	195	207	207	207
July	146	-	119.2	-	-	-	159.7	145.0	195	207	207	207
August	147	-	119.2	-	-	-	159.9	147.6	195	207	207	207
September	148	127.0	118.6	100.1	-	-	159.8	147.6	195	207	207	207
October	-	-	118.1	-	-	-	159.2	147.7	198	213	213	213
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	155.9	143.6	198	213	213	213
December	-	127.3	-	100.3	-	-	159.3	148.8	200	217	217	217

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) Quarterly wartime index, December 1942=100. December, 1942, old series, = 112.8. (e) End of month. (f) First of month. (g) On base Pre-war=100, January, 1942 is 175. (h) July.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA			
	ARGENTINA		CHILE	
	Cost of			
	Living, Buenos Aires	Foods, Buenos Aires	Cost of Living, Bogota	Foods, Santiago Living, Lima
Base Period	1939	1939	February, 1937	March, 1928
1913	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-
1932	-	-	-	119
1933	88.8	-	-	115
1938	98.4	-	-	147
1939	100.0	100.0	113.4	214
1940	102.3	102.3	118.4	210
1941	105.0	105.2	114.6	245
1942	110.9	115.1	113.0	281
1943	112.1	116.6	122.8	367
1944	108.6	117.2	142.3	434
1939 August	99.5	-	167.8	465
1945 January	120.5	120.5	116.7	206
February	122.6	122.8	186.0	465
March	131.8	140.4	192.0	470
April	131.9	140.7	199.8	472
May	132.3	141.8	198.4	479
June	132.4	142.0	202.6	478
July	133.9	145.4	192.7	485
August	132.7	143.1	188.2	485
September	133.5	144.6	187.0	493
October	133.6	144.4	186.7	535
November	133.8	144.8	192.5	564
December	136.9	148.3	191.7	503
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				206
				216
				218
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(a) Since October, 1933, including heating. (b) Revised index, including rent. (c) New series. 1943 averages are 164 and 159 respectively for cost of living and food.

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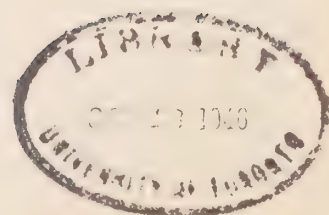
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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1946

World wholesale price levels in June, 1946, approximately ten months after V-J Day, showed a renewal of advances which had been interrupted in 1945. Price increases considerably outnumbered declines, and the latter were smaller than in the second half of 1945 when declines had been preponderant. It is of interest to note that in the latter half of 1919, the corresponding period following the end of World War I, price movements showed a sharp recovery from early post-war recession. This tendency developed into an inflationary advance which continued to the middle of 1920. While upturns in the first half of 1946 were not generally commensurate with those in the latter half of 1919, tendencies in price behaviour during these two periods were similar.

In Canada and the United States, wholesale price levels advanced 5.0 and 5.4 p.c. respectively between December, 1945 and June, 1946. These were the largest increases recorded for any comparable period of time since general price control regulations were established in 1941 and 1942. Wholesale price series in both countries showed contrasts to price movements in the wartime period, when farm products prices contributed most heavily to gains. In the United States Bureau of Labor index, agricultural and non-agricultural products shared almost equally in the advance throughout the first half of 1946. In Canada, gains for industrial products were considerably greater than for farm products.

The United Kingdom Board of Trade wholesale index showed a rise of 2.4 p.c. between December, 1945 and June, 1946. Industrial materials and manufactures were chiefly responsible for the advance, with a total increase of 3.5 p.c., as compared with 0.5 p.c. for food and tobacco. Sweden and Switzerland continued to record declines, but these were smaller than in 1945.

Index numbers for Australia and South Africa showed small gains, in contrast to losses registered in the preceding six months. The shop price index for Calcutta, India advanced 14.1 p.c. between December, 1945 and June, 1946, reaching the highest level since October, 1943.

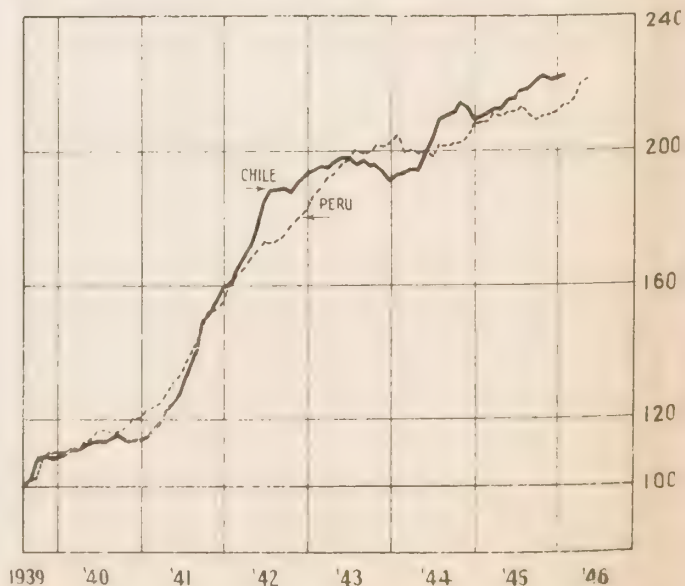
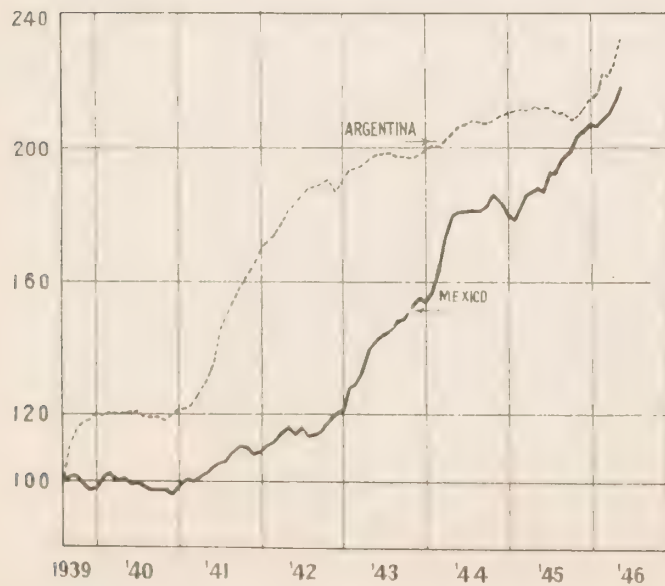
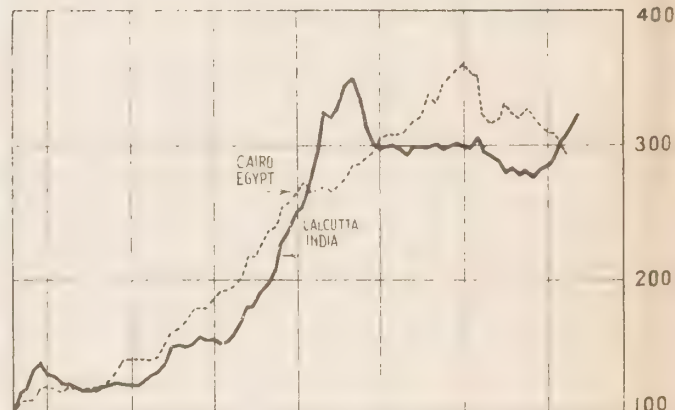
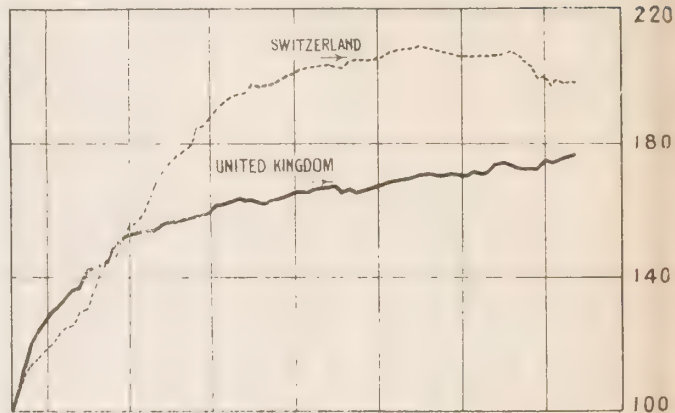
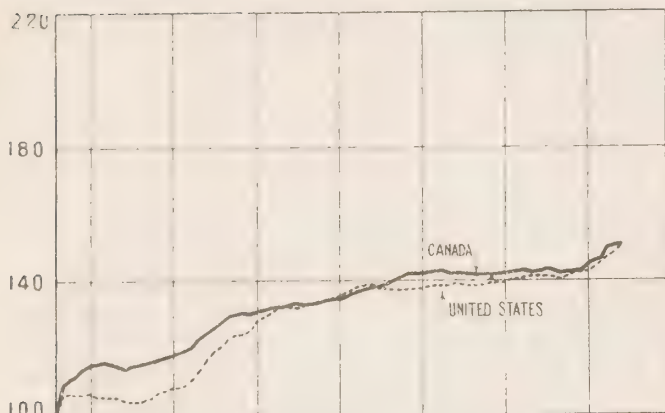
Cost-of-living series also recorded larger gains and fewer declines in the first half of 1946. Advances of 2.9 p.c. and 2.6 p.c. for Canada and the United States, respectively, were substantial compared with changes which have been the rule for the past two years. In the United States, temporary suspension of O.P.A. controls on June 30 was followed by a sharp rise of 5.8 p.c. in the July consumers' price index to a level 1.43 p.c. higher than August, 1939 and only 5.6 p.c. below the all-time high of June, 1920.

Index numbers of living costs in the United Kingdom and Switzerland showed no change between December, 1945 and June, 1946. Large increases continued to be shown by Latin-American countries, e.g., 14.1 p.c. for Mexico, and 4.3 p.c. for Lima, Peru.

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

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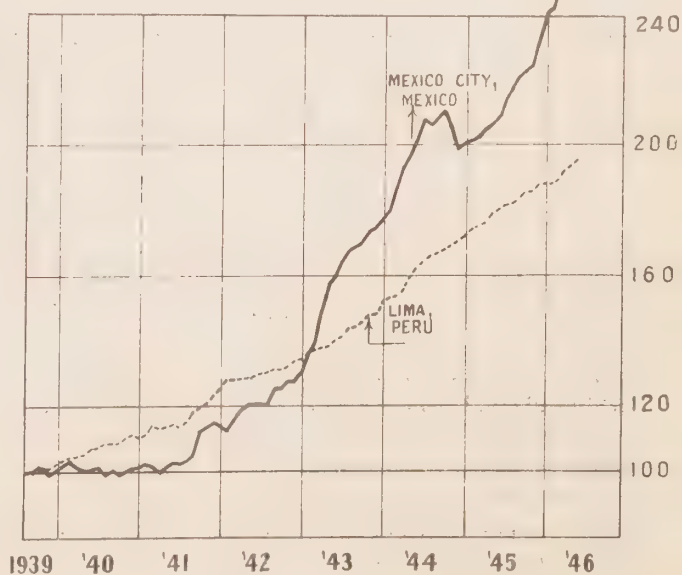
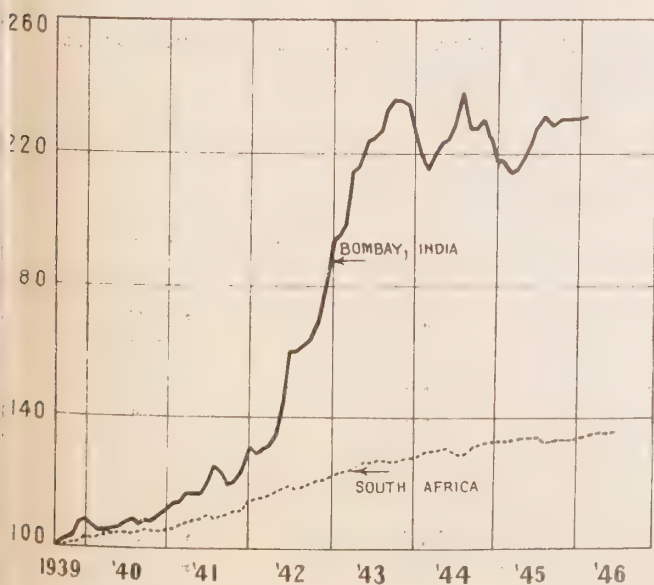
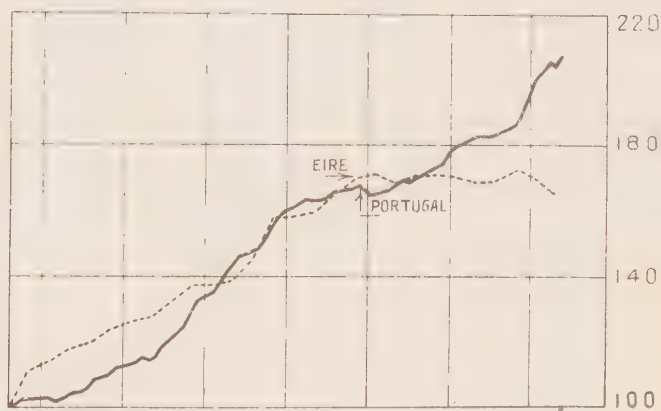
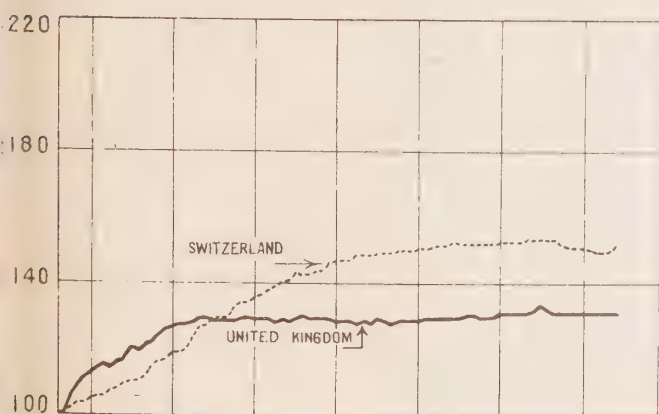
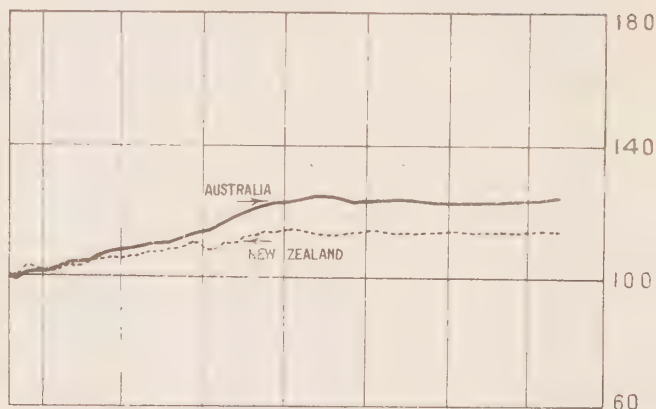
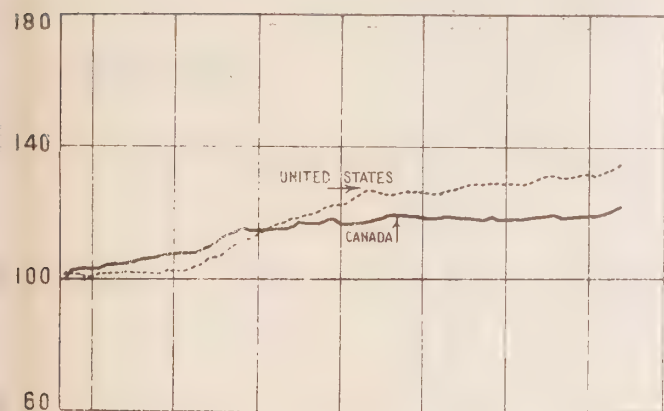
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

AUGUST, 1939 = 100

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CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

FIRST HALF OF 1946

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	December, 1945	June, 1945	August, 1939
	- June, 1946 -		
Argentina	+ 9.6	+ 9.9	+ 133
Canada	+ 5.0	+ 4.9	+ 51
Denmark	+ 0.5	- 3.8	+ 85
India	+ 14.1	+ 12.5	+ 223
Mexico	+ 6.5	+ 16.6	+ 119
New Zealand	- 0.2	+ 1.7	+ 49
Norway	+ 1.8	- 5.6	+ 72
Peru	+ 5.2	+ 4.9	+ 121
Sweden	- 2.1	- 5.6	+ 68
Switzerland	- 0.6	- 3.9	+ 98
Union of South Africa	+ 2.3	+ 1.8	+ 63
United Kingdom	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 77
United States	+ 5.4	+ 6.4	+ 51

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

FIRST HALF OF 1946

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	December, 1945	June, 1945	August, 1939
	- June, 1946 -		
Australia	+ 1.4	+ 1.7	+ 25
Canada	+ 2.9	+ 3.3	+ 23
Iceland	+ 2.5	+ 6.2	+ 133
Mexico	+ 14.1	+ 26.3	+ 164
Newfoundland	+ 2.5	+ 1.2	+ 56
New Zealand	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 14
Peru	+ 4.3	+ 8.4	+ 95
Switzerland	0.0	- 1.4	+ 51
Sweden	+ 1.3	+ 1.3	+ 44
Union of South Africa	+ 2.2	+ 1.7	+ 36
United Kingdom	- 0.0	- 0.5	+ 31
United States	+ 2.6	+ 3.3	+ 35

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

Dominion Bureau of Statistics

AUTHORITY	General Index	Producers' Goods				Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods		Canadian Farm Products
		Consumers' Goods		Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods		297		
		207	366	213	1926			
No. of Commodities	508(a)	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	64.1	
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	160.6	
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	100.8	
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	51.0	
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	73.6	
1939	75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	64.3	
1940	82.9	129.5	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	67.1	
1941	90.0	140.6	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	71.2	
1942	95.6	149.3	95.6	84.3	80.1	91.0	82.5	
1943	100.0	156.2	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	95.9	
1944	102.5	160.1	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6	102.9	
1945	103.6	161.8	98.1	100.7	105.6	94.0	106.8	
1939 August	72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4	
1945 July	104.6(b)	163.4(b)	99.2(b)	100.9(b)	107.4(b)	94.0(b)	108.0(b)	
August	104.0(b)	162.4(b)	98.7	100.6(b)	106.6(b)	94.0(b)	109.1(b)	
September	103.3(b)	161.4(b)	97.9	100.3(b)	105.2(b)	94.0(b)	106.6(b)	
October	103.6(b)	161.8(b)	98.3	100.3(b)	105.6(b)	94.1(b)	108.7(b)	
November	103.9(b)	162.3(b)	98.6	100.4(b)	106.0(b)	94.3(b)	109.3(b)	
December	103.9(b)	162.3(b)	98.4	101.1(b)	106.0(b)	94.3(b)	109.4(b)	
1946 January	104.6	163.4	97.8	102.1	106.8	95.3	109.6	
February	105.2	164.3	98.1	103.3	106.9	95.4	110.3	
March	105.6	164.9	99.0	103.5	107.0	95.9	110.3	
April	108.2	169.0	100.8	105.1	108.0	98.5	110.7	
May	108.6	169.6	100.8	105.0	108.6	98.5	111.5	
June	109.1	170.4	101.3	106.2	109.7	98.5	112.7	

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510. (b) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA		SOUTH AMERICA		Official	
	UNITED STATES	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	
	Bureau of Labor Statistics		Banco de			
	General Index	Index	La Nacion	Official	Official	
No. of	889(a)	67	108	1913	58	
Commodities	1926	1926	1926	100.0	1913	
Base Period	69.8	71.5	75.5	100.0	100	
1913						
1920	154.4	150.7	100.0	-	239	
1926	100.0(a)	100.0	96.4	-	203	
1929	95.3	104.9	85.6	192.8	186	
1933	66.0	51.4	105.5	346.0	180	
1938	78.6	68.5	126.3	432.1	205	
1939	77.1	65.3	127.0	420.7	215	
1940	78.6	67.7	123.4	464.1	248	
1941	87.3	82.4	145.1	541.3	290	
1942	98.8	105.9	187.6	736.0	367	
1943	103.1	122.6	202.4(c)	811.8	421	
1944	104.0	123.3	211.3	838.1	226(b)	
1945	105.8	128.2	217.2	892.1	236(b)	
1939 August	75.0	61.0	102.9	414.0	1934-36=100	
1945 July	105.9	129.0	218.1	892.7	238	
August	105.7	126.9	216.6	902.3	240	
September	105.2	124.3	217.0	905.7	236	
October	105.9	127.3	214.9	915.1	235	
November	106.8	131.1	215.6	921.1	236	
December	107.1	131.5	218.4	915.4	236	
1946 January	107.1	129.9	220.7	916.8	237	
February	107.7	130.8	222.5	920.5	240	
March	108.9	133.4	228.7	930.4	240	
April	110.2	135.4	228.0	949.9	242	
May	111.0	137.5	231.2		248	
June	112.9	140.1	239.3		249	

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.

(b) New series. 1943 average is 219.

(c) Revised

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE				SPAIN
	UNITED KINGDOM	SWITZERLAND	GERMANY	SWEDEN	
AUTHORITY	Board of Trade	Economist	Federal Labour Department	Federal Statis- tical Office	Commerce Department
No. of Commodities	200	10(d)	78	400	160
Base Period	1930	1935	July, 1914	1913	1935(e)
1913	-	150.2	-	100.0	100.0
1920	(c) 307.3	290.5	-	136.7 July	359(e)
1926	(c) 148.1	199.1	144.5	(a) 134.4	149(e)
1929	(c) 136.5	163.2	141.2	137.2	140(e)
1933	85.7	90.9	91.0	93.3	107(e)
1938	101.4	101.1	107.1	105.7	111
1939	102.8	109.4	111.2	106.9	115
1940	133.6	133.5	143.0	110	146
1941	152.6	137.4	183.5	112	172
1942	159.4	142.2	209.6	114	189
1943	162.8	147.2	218.2	116	196
1944	166.2	156.7	222.6	118 (f)	196
1945	169.0	164.9	220.6	118	194
1939 August	98.1	(b)	(b)	107	111
1945 July	170.8	167.6	222.1		196
August	170.6	167.6	223.0		194
September	169.6	168.6	222.1		191
October	169.4	168.6	219.7		191
November	169.4	168.6	218.5		191
December	169.3	168.5	214.3		190
1946 January	171.9	172.9	215.2		184
February	171.6	173.1	212.5		185
March	171.9	-	213.8		184
April	172.5	181.2	212.8		184
May	173.0	181.2	213.2		185
June	173.4	197.4	213.1		186

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (d) Sensitive commodities.

(e) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116. (f) Average, January-November.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	AUTHORITY	E				R		O		P		F		N	
		BULGARIA	U	DENMARK	FINLAND	FRANCE	NORWAY	Central		Bureau of		Statistique		Central	
		Official	Department of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistique Generale										
No. of Commodities		72	118	296	135										
Base Period		1939(a)	1935	1935	1938 (b)										
1913		-	-	-	-										
1920		-	-	-	-										
1926		2973(a)	117	108	97										
1929		3304(a)	108	99	80										
1933		1731(a)	90	114	100										
1938		2164(a)	112	120	102										
1939		100	118	161	133										
1940		116	172	197	163										
1941		148	203	243	172										
1942		188	213	276	175										
1943		237	214	305	177										
1944		345	217	438	177										
1945		550	213		177										
1939 August		-	111	117	98										
1945 July		564	212	421	178										
August		563	211	489	178										
September		565	209	515	180										
October		566	206	577	177										
November		569	204	596	178										
December		587	204	607	166										
1946 January		596	204	614	167										
February		598	202	619	167										
March		600	204	633	165										
April		601	205	690	166										
May		602	204		170										
June			205		169										

(a) Prior to 1939, base 1914=100. 1939 average is 2109 and August, 1939 index is 2158.

(b) Provisional index numbers based on 1941 consumption weights. (c) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
AUTHORITY	INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		EGYPT	
		Department of Statistics Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo	
No. of Commodities	72			180	188	23	
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1913-July, 1914		
1913	-	-	-	100.0	-		
1920	201	-	153.6	223.3	316		
1926	148	(c)	105.3	123.3	132		
1929	141	110.3	98.8	115.1	116		
1933	87	-	90.4	93.1	71		
1938	95	100.5	103.6	104.4	91		
1939	108	101.1	107.1	101.9	88		
1940	120	104.7	119.5	113.2	100		
1941	139	114.0	131.1	124.3	130		
1942	185	124.2	141.6	139.5	181		
1943	307	137.3	151.3	151.6	228		
1944	298	139.6	155.8	157.0	270		
1945	289	140.5	158.4	159.2	274		
1939 August	(a)	97.9	(b)	(d) 99.8	83		
1945 July	281	141.7 (e)	158.7	160.6	275		
August	283	141.8 (e)	159.1	160.7	269		
September	279	141.5 (e)	159.2	160.7	266		
October	280	141.1 (e)	159.4	160.6	270		
November	277	140.4	160.5	160.3	264		
December	283	139.9	161.3	159.0	261		
1946 January	284	140.3	160.3	159.7	256		
February	299	140.3	160.5	159.9	255		
March	302	141.3	158.8	159.3	250		
April	304	141.3	161.1	159.1	244		
May	313	141.3	161.3	162.7			
June	323		161.0				

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) July, 1939. (e) Revised.

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NORTH AMERICA

MEXICO

CONTINENT
COUNTRY

CANADA

Dominion Bureau
of Statistics

Cost of
Living

1935-39

Nature
of Index

Base Period

Bureau of Labor
Statistics

Consumers'

Price Index(d)

1935-39

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE			SWITZERLAND		
	NORTH AMERICA	UNITED KINGDOM	IRE			
	NEWFOUNDLAND	Minister of Labour	105 Towns and Localities	34 Towns		
Nature of Index	Official Cost of Living, St. John's	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
Base Period	October, 1938	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	249	-	-	224	242
1926	-	172	185	-	162	160
1929	-	164	176	179	161	156
1933	-	140	151	169	131	117
1938	-	156	173	131	137	130
1939	104.4(b)	158	178	159	138	132
1940	-	184	205	163	151	146
1941	128.2(b)	199	226	183	174	175
1942	140.3	200	250	202	193	200
1943	149.1	199	282	225	203	211
1944	160.7	201	295	247	207	215
1945	160.4	203	295	262	209	215
1939 August	(a)	(a)	(c)	263	(d)	(d)
	-	155	173	158	137	131
1945 July	164.4	207	-	-	210	217
August	166.2	205	293	261	210	216
September	158.3	203	-	-	210	216
October	158.2	203	-	-	208	213
November	159.0	203	298	271	207	210
December	159.0	203	-	-	207	210
1946 January	159.5	203	-	-	207	210
February	162.2	203	294	266	206	208
March	162.9	203	-	-	205	206
April	163.3	203	-	-	205	206
May	163.5	204	287	257	206	208
June	163.0	203	-	-	207	209
(a) First of month. (b) October. (c) Middle of month. (d) Last week of month.						

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	E			R			O			P			E		
	BULGARIA			DENMARK			FINLAND			SWEDEN					
	12			100			36			49					
	Towns(a)			Localities			Towns			Towns					
Nature of	Cost of			Cost of			Cost of			Cost of			Cost of		
Index	Living			Living			Living			Living			Living		
Base Period	1939			1935			1935			1935(c)					
1913	-	-	-	(d)	-	-	-	-	-	(d)	269(c)	293(c)	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	108	-	-	-	-	-	172(c)	158(c)	158(c)	-	-	-
1926	2,629(b)	2,813(b)	2,992(b)	101	-	-	119	-	-	169(c)	149(c)	149(c)	-	-	-
1929	2,941(b)	2,992(b)	1,680(b)	93	-	-	100	-	-	153(c)	121(c)	121(c)	-	-	-
1933	2,006(b)	1,898(b)	100	107	-	-	108	-	-	106	112	112	-	-	-
1938	1,767(b)	100	113	109	-	-	111	-	-	109	115	115	-	-	-
1939	112	113	143	136	-	-	132	-	-	123	131	131	-	-	-
1940	135	143	199	157	-	-	155	-	-	139	149	149	-	-	-
1941	178	199	268	164	-	-	183	-	-	151	162	162	-	-	-
1942	226	268	423	166	-	-	206	-	-	153	160	160	-	-	-
1943	339	423	641	168	-	-	219	-	-	154	160	160	-	-	-
1944	509	641	-	170	-	-	307	-	-	155	158	158	-	-	-
1945	-	-	-	107(e)	-	-	109	-	-	108	114	114	-	-	-
1939 August	-	-	-	170	-	-	306	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1945 July	500(f)	620	599	-	-	-	341	-	-	155	159	159	-	-	-
August	487(f)	599	603	-	-	-	354	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	490(f)	615	651	170	-	-	422	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	504(f)	651	672	-	-	-	434	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	523(f)	-	-	-	-	-	440	-	-	154	157	157	-	-	-
December	537(f)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1946 January	551	-	-	169	-	-	461	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	577	-	-	-	-	-	461	-	-	154	157	157	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-	-	469	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	573	735	731	-	-	-	473	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	571	731	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	156	161	161	-	-	-

(a) Workingman's family. (b) Old series, 1914=100. 1939 averages are 1808 and 1832 for Cost of Living and Foods respectively. (c) July, 1914=100, prior to 1935. (d) Includes direct taxation. (e) July quarter, 1939.(f) Revised

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CONTINENT		EUROPE		AFRICA		ASIA	
COUNTRY	PORTUGAL	ICELAND	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA		INDIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
	June 1914	Jan. 1939	Jan. 1913- July 1914	9 Towns	9 Towns	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	237	1,458	1,660	-	-
1926	-	-	160	1,063	1,096	-	-
1929	-	-	151	1,066	1,072	-	-
1933	2,361	-	125	932	917	-	-
1938	1,948	-	131	1,000	1,000	106	113
1939	2,037	-	131	999	993	106	114
1940	1,918	103	143	1,034	1,025	112	125
1941	2,009	128	177	1,082	1,099	124	140
1942	2,268	160	235	1,173	1,211	157	180
1943	2,758	206	310	1,244	1,316	230	253
1944	3,118	256	351	1,288	1,374	237	-
1945	3,208	268	370	1,322	1,406	235	271
	3,479	277	128	993	977	105	112
1939 August	1,903	103	110				
1945 July	3,476	275	314	1,330	1,435	240	281
August	3,482	275	322	1,318	1,395	243	287
September	3,496	278	327	1,319	1,399	240	281
October	3,516	285	314	1,324	1,398	242	284
November	3,550	284	307	1,323	1,393	242	285
December	3,599	285	304	1,323	1,392	242	286
1946 January	3,718	285	305	1,328	1,406	242	285
February	3,817	285	303	1,336	1,429	243	288
March	3,863	285	299	1,345	1,451	-	-
April	3,912	285	296	1,349	1,470	-	-
May	3,886	287	-	1,347	1,465	-	-
June	3,951	292	-	1,352	1,471	-	-
(a) Middle of month.		(b) July.	(c) First of month.				

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CONTINENT		ASIA			OCEANIA			NEW ZEALAND			CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA		
COUNTRY		PALESTINE			AUSTRALIA						TRINIDAD		
Nature of Index	Base Period	Cost of Living, Arab & Jewish	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Kingston	Foods, Kingston	Cost of Living	Foods				
		Jan. 1942(g)	July, 1933	June, 1939	1923-1930	August, 1939	1935	1935					
1913		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
1920		-	-	-	101.9	-	-	-	-				
1926		-	(c)	(c)	101.0	-	-	-	-				
1929		-	115.0	115.5	100.4	-	-	-	-				
1933		-	-	-	79.5	-	-	-	-				
1938		-	99.8	98.9	95.1	-	-	-	-				
1939		-	102.9	104.8	99.0	-	-	-	-				
1940		-	105.1	106.1	103.5	120.5	123.7	129	-				
1941		-	111.1	108.4	107.3	135.2	133.1	140	-				
1942		110	117.6	111.8	110.9	152.2	144.4	159	-				
1943		133	126.7	120.3	100.2(d)	157.1	143.9	184	154(h)				
1944		138	127.0	117.2	100.3(d)	159.1	139.2	195	191(h)				
1945		147	127.0	117.9	100.4	158.7	143.0	196	205				
1939 August		(g)	(a)	-	(d)	(e)	(e)	(f)	208				
1945 July		146	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	108	(f)				
August		147	-	119.2	-	159.7	145.0	195	207				
September		148	-	119.2	-	159.9	147.6	195	207				
October		149	127.0	118.6	100.1	159.8	147.6	195	207				
November		147	-	118.1	-	159.2	147.7	198	213				
December		148	-	117.8	-	155.9	143.6	198	213				
1946 January		149	127.3	117.7	100.3	159.3	148.8	200	217				
February		148	-	118.0	-	157.2	145.2	200	217				
March		147	-	118.5	-	156.4	143.1	200	217				
April		152	127.9	119.1	100.9	157.6	144.8	200	217				
May		149	-	119.2	-	157.5	145.2	198	214				
June		-	129.1	119.2	-	160.7	149.2	199	-				
(a) Average of quarter.	(b) Middle of month.	(c) Each yearly index is for the	(d) Quarterly wartime index, December 1942=100.	(e) December, 1942, old series, = 112.8.	(f) First of month.	(g) On base Pre-war=100, January, 1942 is 175.	(h) July.	202	220				

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA			
	ARGENTINA		CHILE	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Buenos Aires		Cost of Living, Santiago	
	1939	1939	1928	1913
Base			March,	
Period		February, 1937	1928	1913
1913	-	-	-	100
1920	-	-	-	208
1926	-	-	-	182
1929	-	-	109	159
1933	88.8	-	(b) 141	139
1938	98.4	-	184	169
1939	100.0	113.4	187	159
1940	102.3	118.4	210	174
1941	105.0	114.6	242	197
1942	110.9	113.0	304	220
1943	112.1	122.8	354	244
1944	109.6	142.3	395	(c) 187
1945	131.3	167.8	430	(c) 209
1939 August	99.5	115.8	186	1934-1936=100
1945 July	133.9	188.2	427	(c)
August	132.7	187.0	430	203
September	133.5	186.7	449	204
October	133.6	184.4	462	205
November	133.8	183.3	439	208
December	136.9	187.1	445	215
1946 January	-	195.7	449	216
February	-	200.6	446	218
March	-	209.5	450	219
April	-	209.7	460	219
May	-	-	-	220
June	-	-	-	220

(a) Since October, 1933, including heating. (b) Revised index, including rent. (c) New series. 1943 averages are 164 and 159 respectively for cost of living and food.

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SECOND HALF OF 1946

Commodity wholesale price levels continued to rise during the latter half of 1946. Increases during this period were of widely differing amounts and there was no indication of any world-wide acceleration in commodity market advances as the year progressed. Annual increases in commodity wholesale price index numbers for 1946 ranged upward all the way from one per cent to as much as 67 per cent.

Between June and December, 1946, the United States Bureau of Labor wholesale index rose by 24.8 p.c. General suspension of commodity controls between June 30 and July 25 resulted in a June-July rise of 10.3 p.c., a greater advance than was registered for any year of the war. Between July 26 and November 9, when controls were partially restored, farm products prices showed some declines but other commodities continued to rise. Further increases occurred after November 9 when price ceilings were abolished except in the cases of rice, sugar and rents. In the second half of 1946, farm products prices rose 20.0 p.c. and prices of commodities other than farm products rose 26.3 p.c.

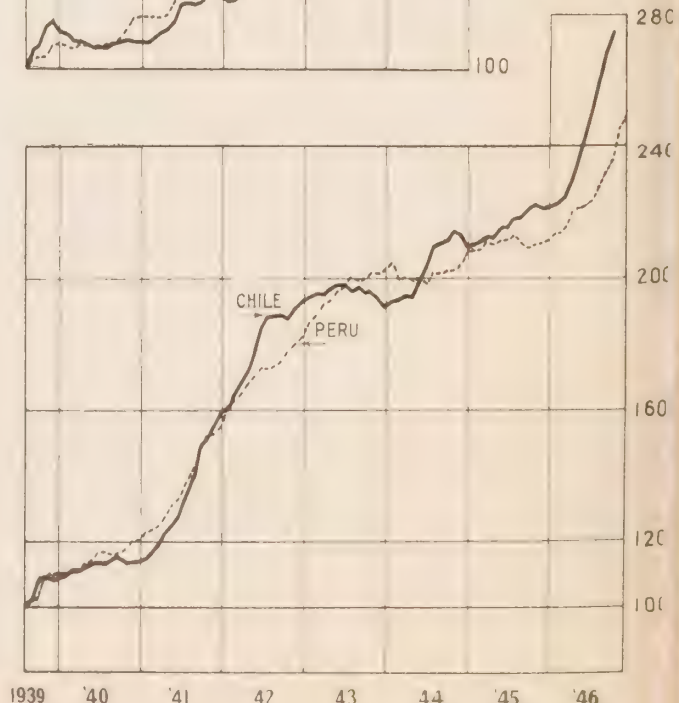
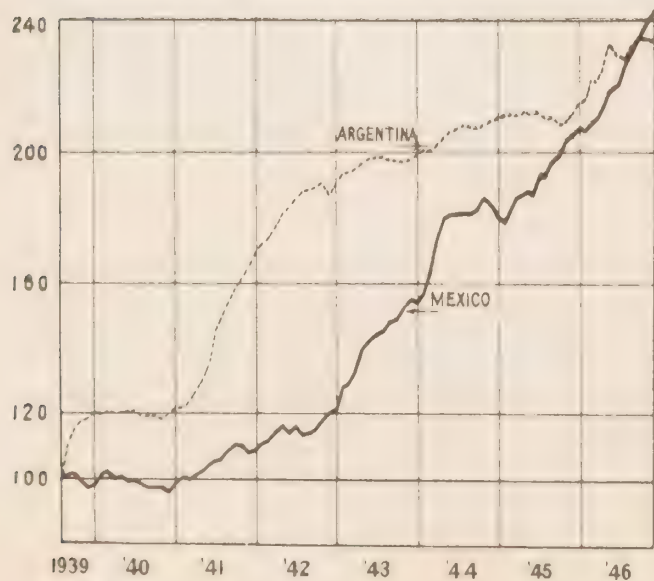
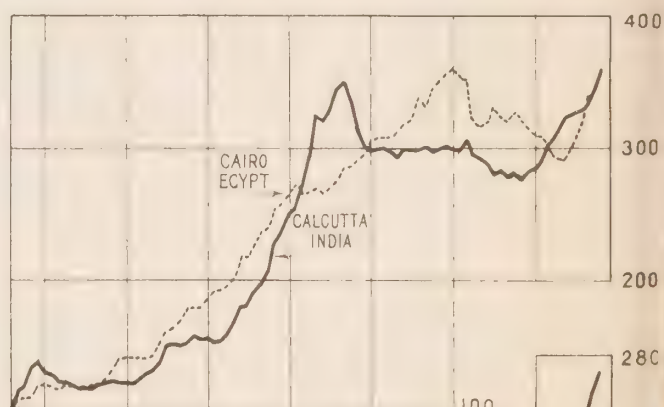
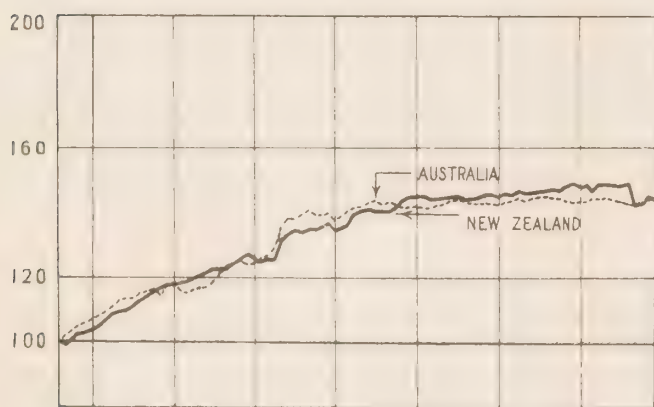
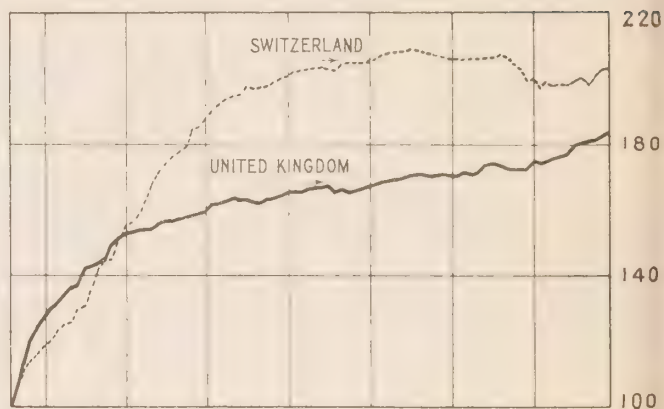
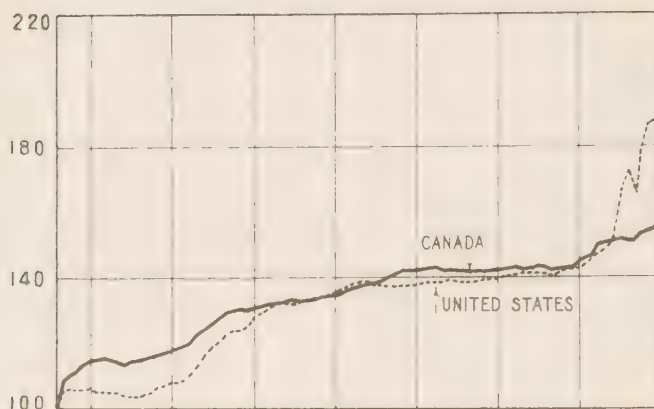
In Canada, where many controls still remained in effect, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index showed a June-December rise of 2.5 p.c. In the United Kingdom the rising cost of imported raw materials had a marked effect on price levels, and wholesale prices showed greater activity than in any year since 1940 when price regulations went into effect. Between June and December, 1946, industrial materials and manufactures rose 6.5 p.c. while the food group, including commodities still heavily subsidized, declined 1.4 p.c. The general wholesale index rose 3.7 p.c. in this period. Among European countries, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, showed, in the latter half of 1946, a resumption of upward movements which had been interrupted by declines in 1945 and the first half of 1946. However, with the exception of Denmark, December price levels for these countries were still below the levels prevailing at V-J day.

Among cost-of-living series in the period under review, the United States consumers' price index recorded an exceptional gain of 15.0 p.c., which brought the December index 2.6 p.c. above June, 1920, the peak following World War I. Series for Australia, Canada, Newfoundland, New Zealand and the United Kingdom continued to show small increases, in no case exceeding 3 per cent. The Swiss cost-of-living index reached a new level in November, slightly above the previous high prevailing at V-J day. The index of retail food prices in Paris rose 49.2 p.c. between June and December, 1946.

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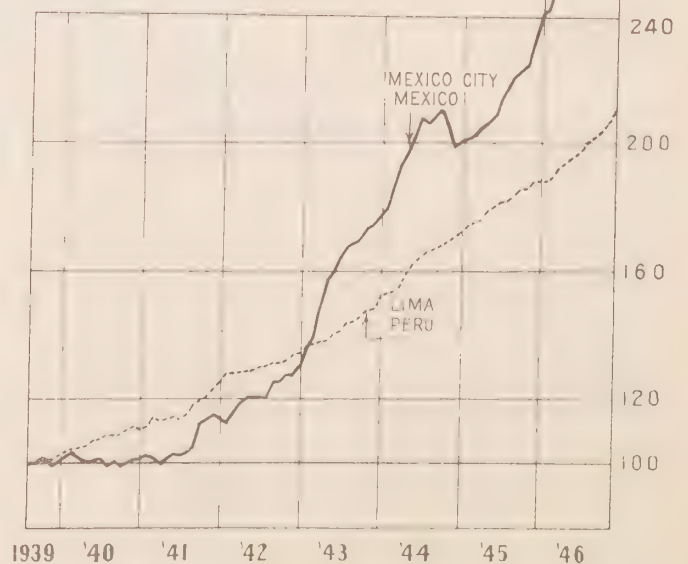
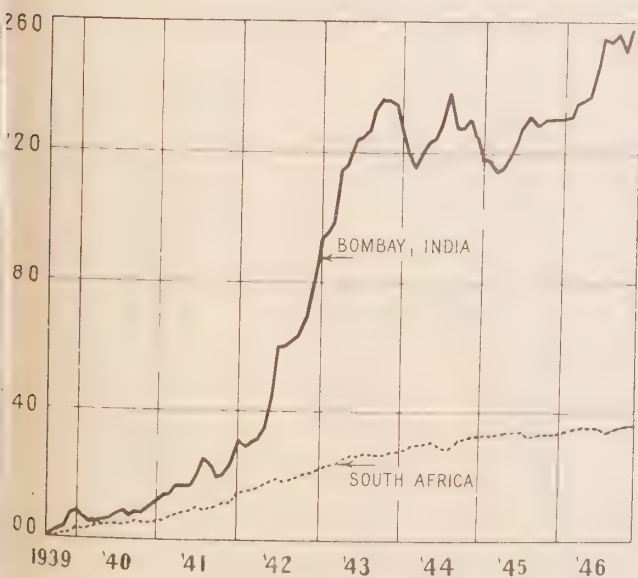
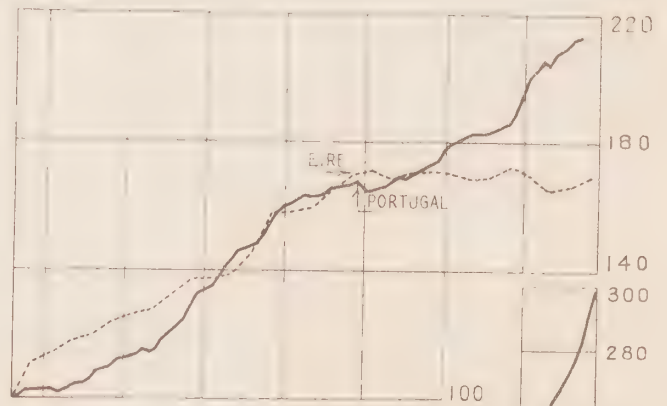
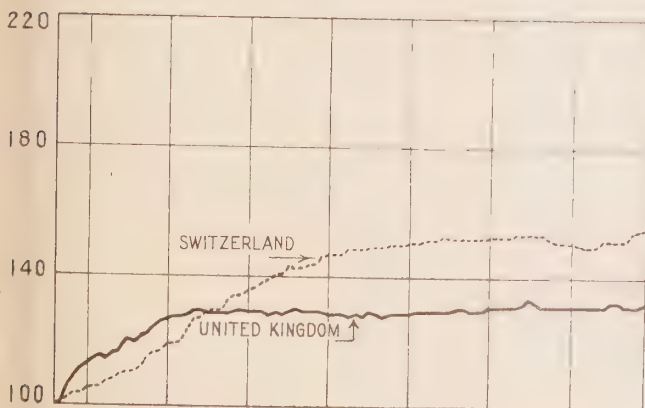
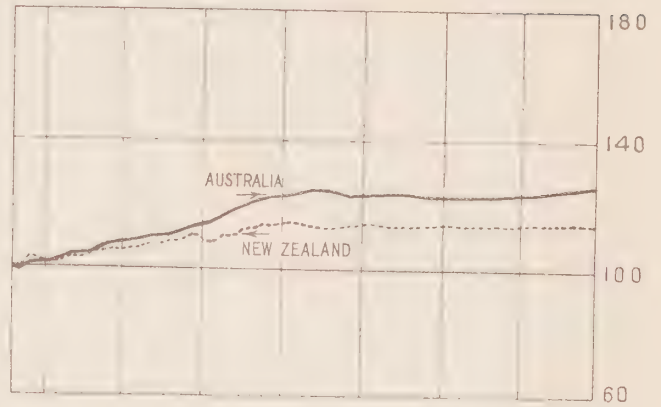
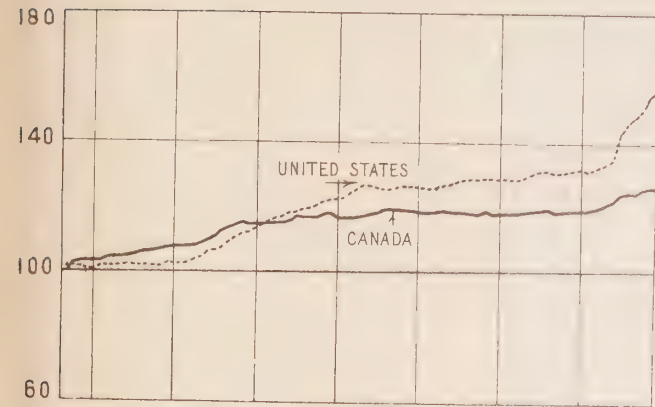
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CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1946

Country	June, 1946	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>	
	December, 1946	December, 1945	August, 1939
		December, 1946	December, 1946
Canada	+ 2.5	+ 7.6	+ 55
Czechoslovakia	+ 8.6	+49.5	+175
Denmark	+ 8.3	+ 8.8	+100
France	+32.5	+67.2	-
India	+13.6	+29.7	+267
Mexico	+10.8	+18.0	+142
New Zealand	- 3.0	- 3.2	+ 44
Norway	+ 2.3	+ 4.0	+ 75
Peru	+13.3	+19.2	+151
Sweden	+ 3.2	+ 1.1	+ 73
Switzerland	+ 2.6	+ 2.0	+103
Union of South Africa	+ 0.7	+ 4.0	+ 66
United Kingdom	+ 3.7	+ 6.1	+ 83
United States	+24.8	+31.6	+ 88

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1946

Country	June, 1946	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>	
	December, 1946	December, 1945	August, 1939
		December, 1946	December, 1946
Australia	+ 1.0	+ 2.4	+ 26
Canada	+ 2.8	+ 5.8	+ 26
Iceland	+ 4.8	+ 7.4	+197
Mexico	+13.1	+29.0	+199
Newfoundland	+ 0.9	+ 3.5	+ 58
New Zealand	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 14
Peru	+ 7.6	+12.2	+110
Switzerland	+ 2.4	+ 2.4	+ 55
Sweden	+ 0.6	+ 1.9	+ 45
Union of South Africa	- 0.1	+ 2.0	+ 36
United Kingdom	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 32
United States	+15.0	+18.0	+ 55

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CONTINENT		N O R T H A M E R I C A									
COUNTRY		C A N A D A									
AUTHORITY		Dominion Bureau of Statistics									
No. of Commodities	General Index	1926	1913	Con- sumers' Goods	207	Pro- ducers' Goods	366	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	213	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	297
Base Period		1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926
1913		64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	64.1	64.8	64.1	64.1
1920		155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	160.6	156.8	160.6	160.6
1926		100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1929		95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	100.8	93.0	100.8	100.8
1933		67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	51.0	70.2	51.0	51.0
1938		78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	73.6	78.2	73.6	73.6
1939		75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.2	64.3	75.2	64.3	64.3
1940		82.9	129.5	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	67.1	81.5	67.1	67.1
1941		90.0	140.6	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	71.2	88.8	71.2	71.2
1942		95.6	149.3	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9	82.5	91.9	82.5	82.5
1943		100.0	156.2	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	95.9	93.1	95.9	95.9
1944		102.5	160.1	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6	102.3	93.6	102.3	102.3
1945		103.6	161.8	98.1	100.7	105.6	94.0	106.8	94.0	106.8	106.8
1939 August		72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4	72.6	58.4	58.4
1946 January		104.6	163.4	97.8	102.1	106.8	93.3	109.6	93.3	109.6	109.6
February		105.2	164.3	98.1	103.3	106.9	95.4	110.3	95.4	110.3	110.3
March		105.6	164.9	99.0	103.5	107.0	95.9	110.3	95.9	110.3	110.3
April		108.2	169.0	100.8	105.1	108.0	98.5	110.7	98.5	110.7	110.7
May		108.6	169.6	100.8	105.0	108.6	98.5	111.5	98.5	111.5	111.5
June		109.1	170.4	101.3	106.2	109.7	98.5	112.7	98.5	112.7	112.7
July		109.5	171.0	102.0	106.0	110.2	98.8	113.8	98.8	113.8	113.8
August		109.2	170.6	101.5	105.8	108.4	99.5	111.1	99.5	111.1	111.1
September		109.1	170.4	101.4	105.7	108.1	99.7	110.5	99.7	110.5	110.5
October		110.8	173.1	103.0	107.3	112.4	101.2	112.8	101.2	112.8	112.8
November		111.4	174.0	103.2	107.9	113.0	101.2	113.4	101.2	113.4	113.4
December		111.8	174.6	103.1	108.6	113.2	101.6	113.5	101.6	113.5	113.5

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.
 (b) Revised.

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CONTINENT	N O R T H A M E R I C A			S O U T H A M E R I C A		
	U N I T E D S T A T E S			C H I L E		
COUNTRY	Bureau of Labor Statistics			Banco de		
	Farm Products			La Nacion		
AUTHORITY	Official			Official		
	Official			Official		
No. of	Index			Official		
	Index			Official		
Commodities	67			108		
	1926			1926		
Base Period	1926			1913		
	1913			100.0		
1913	69.8	150.7	32	-	-	58
1920	154.4	100.0(a)	1929	-	-	1913
1926	100.0(a)	104.9	-	75.5	100.0	100
1929	95.3	51.4	100.0	-	-	239
1933	66.0	68.5	89.8	100.0	192.8	203
1938	78.6	65.3	126.3	96.4	346.0	186
1939	77.1	67.7	127.0	85.6	432.1	180
1940	78.6	82.4	128.2	105.5	420.7	205
1941	87.3	105.9	128.2	108.2	464.1	215
1942	98.8	122.6	135.8	123.4	541.3	248
1943	103.1	123.3	148.3	145.1	736.0	290
1944	104.0	128.2	182.4	187.6	811.8	367
1945	105.8	(c)	226.9	202.4	838.1	421
1939 August	75.0	61.0	246.9	211.3	892.1	226(b) ¹ ₆
	(c)	(c)	129.1	217.2	(c)	255(b) ¹ ₁
1939 August	75.0	61.0	129.1	(c)	414.0	1934-36=100
1946 January	107.1	129.9	267.2	102.9	916.8	237
February	107.7	130.8	266.7	220.9	920.5	240
March	108.9	135.4	269.5	222.7	930.4	240
April	110.2	135.4	272.0	228.8	949.9	242
May	111.0	137.5	276.0	228.2	974.3	248
June	112.9	140.1	282.4	235.7	1003.3	249
July	124.7	157.0	284.8	239.2	1039.4	251
August	129.1	161.0	292.6	236.5	1078.9	256
September	124.0	154.3	298.8	235.1	1113.3	261
October	134.1	165.3	304.6	239.7	1134.8	265
November	139.7	169.8	309.4	241.4	1150.5	276
December	140.9	168.1	313.0	241.1		282

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.

(b) New series. 1943 average is 219.

(c) Monthly average.

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CONTINENT	U		R	O	P	E
COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM		SWITZERLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA	SWEDEN
AUTHORITY	Board of Trade	Economist	Federal Labour Department		Official	Commerce Department
	No. of Commodities	10(d)	78	126	160	220
Base Period	1930	1935	July, 1914	March, 1939	1935(e)	Oct. 1938
1913	-	150.2	-		100(e)	-
1920	(c) 307.3	290.5	-		359(e)	-
1926	(c) 148.1	199.1	144.5		149(e)	-
1929	(c) 136.5	166.2	141.2		140(e)	-
1933	85.7	90.9	91.0	(f)	107(e)	-
1938	101.4	101.1	107.1	95.6	111	100.0
1939	102.8	109.4	111.2	109.5	115	105.4
1940	136.6	133.5	143.0	132.8	146	131.8
1941	152.6	137.4	183.5	142.3	172	148.0
1942	159.4	142.2	209.6	145.4	189	170.2
1943	162.8	147.2	218.2	147.3	196	189.4
1944	166.2	156.7	222.6	148.1	196	198.2
1945	169.0	164.9	220.6	164.7	194	197.5
1939 August	98.1	(b)	(b)	(a)	111	101.1
		106.4	107.4	(f) 109.5		
1946 January	172.0 (g)	172.9	215.2	266.9	185	199.7
February	171.8 (g)	173.1	212.5	268.4	185	198.2
March	172.1 (g)		213.8	274.8	185	197.6
April	172.7 (g)	181.2	212.8	273.6	185	196.6
May	173.2 (g)	181.2	213.2	273.8	185	195.4
June	173.4	197.4	213.1	276.9	186	195.4
July	176.5	197.4	213.9	280.1	186	196.1
August	176.8	197.4	215.2	292.0	185	197.0
September	177.4	202.3	213.0	293.6	185	196.6
October	177.6	208.8	216.9	292.5	186	
November	179.0	214.4	218.6	301.5	190	
December	179.9		218.6	300.7	192	

(a) First of month. (b) End of month. (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (d) Sensitive commodities. (e) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116. (f) July. (g) Revised.

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COUNTRY	E			O			P		
	BULGARIA	DENMARK	FINLAND	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	PORTUGAL		
AUTHORITY	Official	Department of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistique Generale	Central Bureau of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Banco de Portugal		
No. of Commodities	72	118	296	135	200	95	48		
Base Period	1939(a)	1935	1935	1938 (b)	1938-39(d)	1938	1927		
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1926	2973(a)	117	-	-	106(e)	-	-		
1929	3304(a)	108	108	-	100(e)	97	104		
1933	1731(a)	90	99	-	63(e)	80	87		
1938	2164(a)	112	114	100	72(e)	100	103		
1939	100	118	120	104	105	102	103		
1940	116	172	161	132	131	133	131		
1941	148	203	197	159	150	163	153		
1942	188	213	243	188	157	172	177		
1943	237	214	276	218	160	175	221		
1944	345	217	305	252	164	177	248		
1945	550	213	438	366	181	177	241		
1939 August	-	(c)	(c)	-	-	98	98		
1946 January	595	204	614	457	236	167	245		
February	598	202	619	462	241	167	246		
March	600	204	633	521	242	165	254		
April	601	205	690	526	244	166	250		
May	602	204	687	620	245	170	237		
June	608	205	695	582	249	169	232		
July	631	206	702	531	252	170	225		
August	646	214	708	654	257	170	231		
September	652	215	716	673	259	170	228		
October	656	221	720	749	261	170	223		
November		222		743	264	172	226		
December		222		771		173			

(a) Prior to 1939, base 1914=100. 1939 average is 2109 and August, 1939 index is 2158

(b) Based on 1941 consumption weights. (c) Monthly average. (d) July, 1938-June, 1959. (e). 1926-30=100.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	ASIA			OCEANIA		AFRICA		
	PALESTINE	INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT		
AUTHORITY	Official	Department of Statistics, Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo		
No. of Commodities	50	72		180	188	23		
Base Period	June, 1936	July, 1914	1936-39	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1913-July, 1914		
1913	-	-	-	-	100.0	-		
1920	-	201	-	153.6	223.3	316		
1926	-	143	(c)	105.3	123.3	132		
1929	-	141	110.3	98.8	115.1	116		
1933	-	87	-	90.4	93.1	71		
1938	102.2	95	100.5	103.6	104.4	91		
1939	101.4	108	101.1	107.1	101.9	88		
1940	125.4	120	104.7	119.5	113.2	100		
1941	172.1	139	114.0	131.1	124.3	130		
1942	251.0	185	124.2	141.6	139.5	181		
1943	306.3	307	137.3	151.3	151.6	228		
1944	323.3	298	139.6	155.8	157.0	270		
1945	323.5	289	140.5	158.4	159.2	274		
1939 August	92.8	(a) 100	97.9	(b) 108.4	(d) 99.8	83		
1946 January	335.6	284	140.3	160.3	159.7	256		
February	334.3	299	140.3	160.5	159.9	255		
March	330.3	302	141.3	158.8	159.3	250		
April	333.3	304	141.3	161.1	159.1	244		
May	330.7	313	141.3	161.3	162.7	241		
June	324.1	323	141.0	161.0	164.3	249		
July	331.6	327	140.7	160.8	164.3	257		
August	340.6	329	139.3	161.5	165.0	264		
September	351.5	334	139.8	154.5	165.6	282		
October	253.6	347	140.4	155.1	166.2			
November	335.9	360	142.9	156.2	165.2			
December	334.9	367			165.4			

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) July, 1939. (e) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA				UNITED STATES				MEXICO			
	CANADA											
COUNTRY	Dominion Bureau of Statistics				Bureau of Labor Statistics				National Industrial Conference Board			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Price Index (d)	Consumers' Price Index (d)	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Official
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1923	1923-39	1923	1923	1934	1934	1934
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	79.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	168.8	118.2	136.2	118.2	136.2	-	-	-
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	137.4	104.3	110.6	104.3	110.6	-	-	-
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	132.5	100.1	106.9	100.1	106.9	-	-	-
1933	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	84.1	74.9	67.8	74.9	67.8	-	-	-
1938	102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	97.8	85.7	78.7	85.7	78.7	153.3	157.9	157.9
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	95.2	84.5	76.6	84.5	76.6	155.4	156.2	156.2
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	96.5	85.3	77.7	85.3	77.7	157.3	153.6	153.6
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	105.5	89.0	85.3	89.0	85.3	163.9	158.5	158.5
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	123.9	97.7	100.9	97.7	100.9	188.3	179.0	179.0
1943	118.4	130.7	125.6(c)	138.0	138.0	103.3	112.6	103.3	112.6	246.6	229.8	229.8
1944	118.9	131.3	125.5	136.1	136.1	104.6	110.9	104.6	110.9	310.0	297.2	297.2
1945	119.5	133.0	128.4	139.1	139.1	106.3	113.0	106.3	113.0	332.6	319.8	319.8
1939 August	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	156.0	157.4	157.4
	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	93.5	84.0	75.3	84.0	75.3			
1946 January	119.9	132.8	129.9	141.0	141.0	-	-	-	-	377.3	374.5	374.5
February	119.9	132.5	129.6	139.6	139.6	-	-	-	-	378.4	375.3	375.3
March	120.1	133.1	130.2	140.1	140.1	106.7(e)	113.8(e)	106.7(e)	113.8(e)	385.2	381.5	381.5
April	120.8	135.1	130.9	141.7	141.7	-	-	-	-	390.4	386.8	386.8
May	122.0	137.7	131.7	142.6	142.6	-	-	-	-	400.5	398.4	398.4
June	123.6	142.1	133.3	145.6	145.6	108.2	116.2	108.2	116.2	412.1	412.0	412.0
July	125.1	144.2	141.0	165.7	165.7	-	-	-	-	416.5	416.3	416.3
August	125.6	144.7	144.1	171.2	171.2	-	-	-	-	424.5	424.0	424.0
September	125.5	143.2	145.9	174.1	174.1	114.6	131.3	114.6	131.3	431.3	431.1	431.1
October	126.8	146.5	148.4	180.0	180.0	-	-	-	-	440.3	441.4	441.4
November	127.1	146.6	152.2	187.7	187.7	-	-	-	-	453.6	456.6	456.6
December	127.1	146.4	153.3	185.9	185.9	122.9	148.8	122.9	148.8	465.9	470.0	470.0

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Revised. (d) Since August, 1945, "Consumers' Price Index for Moderate-Income Families in Large Cities." (e) Beginning 1946, computed quarterly.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE			
	NORTH AMERICA	EIRE		SWITZERLAND
	NEWFOUNDLAND	UNITED KINGDOM	FRANCE	
	Official	Minister of Labour	105 Towns and Localities	Paris 34 Towns
Nature of Index	Cost of Living		Cost of Living	
	St. John's			
Base Period	October, 1938	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914
1913	-	-	-	-
1920	-	249	-	224
1926	-	172	185	162
1929	-	164	176	161
1933	-	140	151	131
1938	-	156	173	137
1939	104.4(b)	158	178	138
1940	-	184	205	151
1941	128.2(b)	199	226	174
1942	140.3	200	250	193
1943	149.1	199	282	203
1944	160.7	201	295	207
1945	160.4	203	295	209
	(a)	(a)	(c)	(d)
1939 August	-	155	173	137
1946 January	159.5	203	-	210
February	162.2	203	294	206
March	162.9	203	-	205
April	163.3	203	-	205
May	163.5	204	287	206
June	163.0	203	-	208
July	163.7	205	-	209
August	164.9	205	288	209
September	162.0	203	-	209
October	163.3	203	-	215
November	164.1	203	-	216
December	164.5	204	293	212
			-	216
			108	131
			480	207
			481	206
			480	205
			481	205
			543	206
			577	208
			576	209
			743	209
			800	209
			866	211
			851	212
			861	216

(a) First of month. (b) October. (c) Middle of month. (d) Last week of month.

INDEX AVERAGES OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	E	U	R	O	P	E
COUNTRY	BULGARIA		DENMARK		FINLAND	SWEDEN
	12		100		36	49
	Towns(a)		Localities		Towns	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1939	1939	1935	1935	1935	1935
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	(d)	-	(d)	-
1926	2,629(b)	2,813(b)	108	-	269(c)	293(c)
1929	2,941(b)	2,992(b)	101	-	119	158(c)
1933	2,006(b)	1,680(b)	93	-	123	149(c)
1938	1,767(b)	1,898(b)	107	-	100	121(c)
1939	100	100	109	108	108	112
1940	112	113	136	-	111	115
1941	135	143	157	-	132	131
1942	178	199	164	169	155	149
1943	226	268	166	169	183	162
1944	339	423	168	167	206	160
1945	509	641	170	168	219	160
				170	307	158
1939 August	-	-	107(e)	108(e)	109	114
1946 January	551	-	169	169	-	-
February	577	-	-	-	-	-
March	579	-	-	-	-	-
April	573	735	168	169	154	157
May	571	731	-	-	-	-
June	571	730	-	-	-	-
July	567	722	168	169	156	161
August	565	702	-	-	-	-
September	571	713	-	-	-	-
October	583	736	170	172	155	161
November	597	762	-	-	-	-
December	601	769	-	-	-	-
					157	161

- (a) Workingman's family. (b) Old series, 1914=100. 1939 averages are 1808 and 1832 for Cost of Living and Foods respectively. (c) July, 1914=100, prior to 1935. (d) Includes direct taxation. (e) July quarter, 1939. (f) Revised.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE					
	NORWAY		NETHERLANDS		CZECHOSLOVAKIA	ITALY
COUNTRY	31 Towns		6 Municipalities		Prague	Rome
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living
Nature of Index	1938	1938	July, 1938-June, 1939	March, 1939	1938	1938
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	120.3	119.9	-	-	-	-
1929	96.8	96.1	-	-	-	-
1933	86.0	79.4	-	-	-	-
1938	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	(d)
1939	101.3	101.7	101.9	101.7	94.8	100
1940	118.2	122.3	116.6	120.3	104.0	105
1941	138.5	146.1	134.0	143.8	128.1	122
1942	-	-	143.4	157.4	149.1	140
1943	-	-	148.7	159.5	161.8	158
1944	152.3	154.7	-	-	160.0	-
1945	155.0	155.0	-	-	160.9	-
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	169.7	-
1939 August	100.8	-	-	-	(c)	-
1946 January	157.1	156.7	-	-	-	-
February	157.0	156.0	-	-	306.7	3,557
March	157.3	156.5	170.1	174.7	309.9	3,015
April	157.8	156.9	173.2	181.8	310.6	3,247
May	158.0	156.9	175.6	187.6	311.2	3,256
June	158.3	156.7	181.9	200.0	310.1	3,406
July	159.0	157.3	183.7	203.6	309.2	3,337
August	160.2	158.9	181.4	197.7	307.3	2,883
September	159.9	156.7	-	-	308.9	2,567
October	159.5	155.0	-	-	306.0	2,579
November	161.2	157.4	-	-	306.3	2,946
December	161.3	157.5	-	-	307.0	3,279
					309.1	3,590
					(c)	
					-	
					326.7	
					326.9	
					325.0	
					326.0	
					323.8	
					321.4	
					318.6	
					319.9	
					312.4	
					310.2	
					309.5	
					311.7	

(a) Fifteenth of month. (b) End of month. (c) First week of month. (d) Annual averages, old series, converted to 1938 base.

INDEX OF RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		EUROPE				AFRICA				ASIA			
COUNTRY	PORTUGAL	ICELAND		EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA		INDIA						
		Cost of Living	Foods		Cost of Living, 9 Towns	Foods, 9 Towns	Cost of Living, Bombay	Foods, Bombay					
Nature of Index	June 1914	Jan.-March, 1939	Jan.-March, 1939	Cost of Living, Cairo	Foods, Cairo	Cost of Living, 9 Towns	Foods, 9 Towns	Cost of Living, Bombay	Foods, Bombay				
Base Period	June 1914	Jan.-March, 1939	Jan.-March, 1939	July, 1914	July, 1914	1938=1000	1938=1000	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34				
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
1920	-	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458	1,660	-	-				
1926	-	-	-	160	158(b)	1,063	1,096	-	-				
1929	-	-	-	151	146	1,066	1,072	-	-				
1933	2,361	-	-	125	101	932	917	-	-				
1938	1,948	-	-	131	115	1,000	1,000	-	-				
1939	2,037	-	-	131	112	999	993	106	113				
1940	1,918	103	104	143	118	1,034	1,025	106	114				
1941	2,009	128	136	177	147	1,082	1,099	112	125				
1942	2,268	160	189	235	196	1,173	1,211	124	140				
1943	2,758	206	264	310	264	1,244	1,316	157	180				
1944	3,118	256	330	351	304	1,288	1,374	230	253				
1945	3,208	268	334	370	315	1,322	1,406	237	-				
	3,479	277	342					235	271				
	(a)	(c)	(c)						14				
1939 August	1,903	103	104	128	110	993	977	105	112				
1946 January	3,718	285	351	367	305	1,328	1,406	242	285				
February	3,817	285	350	366	303	1,336	1,429	243	288				
March	3,863	285	349	363	299	1,345	1,451	247	294				
April	3,912	285	349	360	296	1,349	1,470	248	297				
May	3,886	287	350	358	293	1,347	1,465	249	299				
June	3,951	292	357	357	293	1,352	1,471	259	318				
July	3,984	293	361	361	301	1,335	1,434	268	334				
August	4,037	296	363	364	304	1,330	1,418	267	332				
September	4,047	294	364	367	307	1,334	1,420	269	339				
October		302	375			1,342	1,439	264	327				
November		303	377			1,348	1,446	271	341				
December		306	383			1,350	1,448		341				

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA			
	A S I A	O C E A N I A	JAMAICA	TRINIDAD
COUNTRY	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND	
	PALESTINE			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Arab & Jewish	Cost of Living, Groceries, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Kingston
	Cost of Living, Arab & Jewish	Cost of Living, Groceries, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Kingston
Base Period	Jan. 1942 (g)	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-1930	August, 1939
1913	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	101.9	-
1926	-	(c)	101.0	-
1929	-	115.0	100.4	-
1933	-	-	79.5	-
1938	-	99.8	95.1	-
1939	-	102.9	99.0	-
1940	-	105.1	103.5	-
1941	-	111.1	107.3	123.7
1942	110	117.6	110.9	133.1
1943	133	126.7	100.2 (d)	144.4
1944	138	127.0	100.3 (d)	143.9
1945	147	127.0	100.4	139.2
1939 August	(g)	(a)	(d)	(e)
1946 January	149	-	-	100.0
February	148	118.0	157.1	145.2
March	147	118.5	156.4	143.1
April	152	127.9	100.9	144.8
May	149	-	-	145.2
June	149	-	-	149.2
July	149	129.1	100.7	155.5
August	149	118.4	-	157.6
September	156	117.4	-	161.0
October	158	129.2	100.7	162.5
November	156	117.4	-	161.7
December	-	119.2	-	162.0
	-	130.4	100.8	162.2
	-	-	-	108
	-	-	-	200
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	-	-	-	223
	-	-	-	226
	-	-	-	244
	-	-	-	244

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Each year's index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) Quarterly wartime index, December 1942=100. December, 1942, old series, = 112.8. (e) End of month. (f) First of month. (g) On base Pre-war=100, January, 1942 is 175. (h) July.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA																	
COUNTRY		PARAGUAY				COLOMBIA		CHILE		PERU							
Nature of Index	Base Period	Cost of Living, Asuncion		Foods, Asuncion		Cost of Living, Bogota		Foods, Bogota		Cost of Living, Santiago		Foods, Santiago		Cost of Living, Lima		Foods, Lima	
		1938	1938	1938	1938	February, 1937	March, 1928	February, 1937	March, 1928	March, 1928	March, 1928	March, 1928	March, 1928	1913	1913	1913	1913
1913		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	100	100
1920		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	210	210	208	208
1926		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	201	201	182	182
1929		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	119	119	119	177	177	159	159
1933		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(b)141	147	147	(a)148	(a)148	148	139	139
1938		100	100	100	100	113.4	112.5	113.4	112.5	184	214	214	172	172	170	169	169
1939		109	106	106	106	118.4	119.8	118.4	119.8	187	210	210	183	183	174	174	174
1940		113	108	108	108	114.6	113.9	114.6	113.9	210	245	245	198	198	197	197	197
1941		128	125	125	125	113.0	110.1	113.0	110.1	242	281	281	222	222	220	220	220
1942		144	137	137	137	122.8	121.6	122.8	121.6	304	367	367	242	242	244	244	244
1943		176	157	157	157	142.3	143.4	142.3	143.4	354	434	434	(c)181	(c)181	(c)187	(c)187	(c)187
1944		193	172	172	172	167.8	182.1	167.8	182.1	395	465	465	(c)202	(c)202	(c)209	(c)209	(c)209
1945		214	188	188	188	190.6	204.5	190.6	204.5	430	495	495	1934-1938=100	1934-1938=100	1934-1938=100	1934-1938=100	1934-1938=100
1939 August						115.8	116.7	115.8	116.7	186	206	206	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
1946 January																	
February		221	198	198	198	195.7	207.7	195.7	207.7	449	523	523	211	211	219	219	219
March		222	198	198	198	200.6	213.7	200.6	213.7	446	517	517	211	211	219	219	219
April		233	223	223	223	209.5	224.7	209.5	224.7	450	522	522	212	212	219	219	219
May		239	232	232	232	209.7	225.0	209.7	225.0	460	528	528	215	215	219	219	219
June		238	229	229	229	201.5	209.0	201.5	209.0	471	540	540	217	217	220	220	220
July		241	233	233	233	199.9	208.4	199.9	208.4	487	557	557	219	219	220	220	220
August		241	-	-	-	205.4	213.9	205.4	213.9	494	567	567	221	221	221	221	221
September		-	-	-	-	209.8	219.9	209.8	219.9	510	583	583	224	224	227	227	227
October		235	220	220	220	-	-	-	-	534	622	622	226	226	228	228	228
November		237	222	222	222	-	-	-	-	550	629	629	228	228	232	232	232
December		239	225	225	225	-	-	-	-	553	637	637	232	232	238	238	238
		246	239	239	239	-	-	-	-	553	637	637	236	236	238	238	238

(a) Since October, 1933, including heating. (b) Revised index, including rent. (c) New series. 1943 averages are 164 and 159 respectively for cost of living and food.

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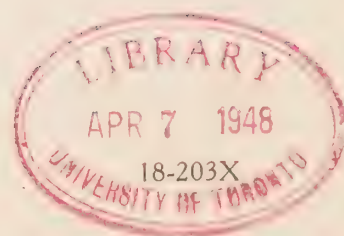
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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1947

Wholesale price index numbers for most countries advanced to new post-war high points in the second half of 1947, with increases during this six-month period ranging from 3 to 35 p.c. Annual increases for 1947 were generally larger than for 1946. Some series, notably those for the United States, France and Czechoslovakia, recorded smaller annual gains in 1947, but these were cases where 1946 increases had been exceptional.

The rate of increase in the United States Bureau of Labor wholesale price series accelerated in the second half of 1947 after a gradual rise in the first six months. A June-December rise of 10.6 p.c. left the index only 2.5 p.c. below the May, 1920 figure, which marked the peak level following World War I. However, price increases throughout 1947 were less rapid than the sharp advances which had occurred after the general suspension of commodity controls in mid-1946. The rise of 15.8 p.c. recorded for 1947 was about half the net increase accumulated in 1946. The whole price picture in the United States, has of course been modified by the sharp February 1948 break in primary commodity markets.

The Canadian wholesale price index rose 12.3 p.c. from June to December, 1947. An increase of 28.1 p.c. for the year was the largest percentage increase to be recorded for any single year by this series. The December index was 12.7 p.c. below the 1920 peak of 164.3 recorded in May. The January 1948 figure corresponding was 146.9, and the February index will not show any substantial change.

Wholesale prices in the United Kingdom mounted 7.2 p.c. between June and December, 1947, according to the Board of Trade index. The twelve months' rise of 13.1 p.c. was the largest annual increase recorded since 1940. Food and tobacco prices which had maintained comparative stability since 1940 were up 9.8 p.c. in 1947, while foods alone rose 6.5 p.c. in response to higher prices for supplies from overseas. Industrial materials and manufactures rose 14.9 p.c. in 1947 in acceleration of the rise induced in 1946 by higher prices for imported raw materials.

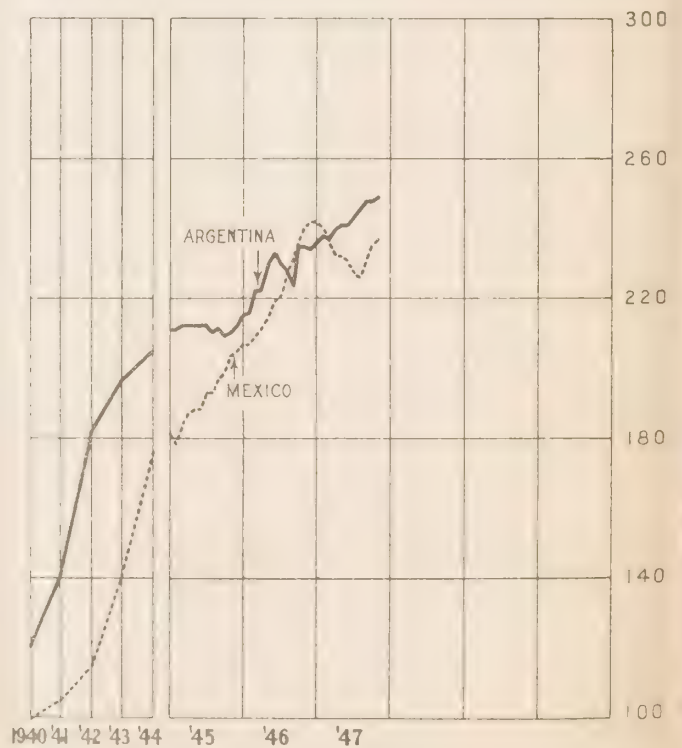
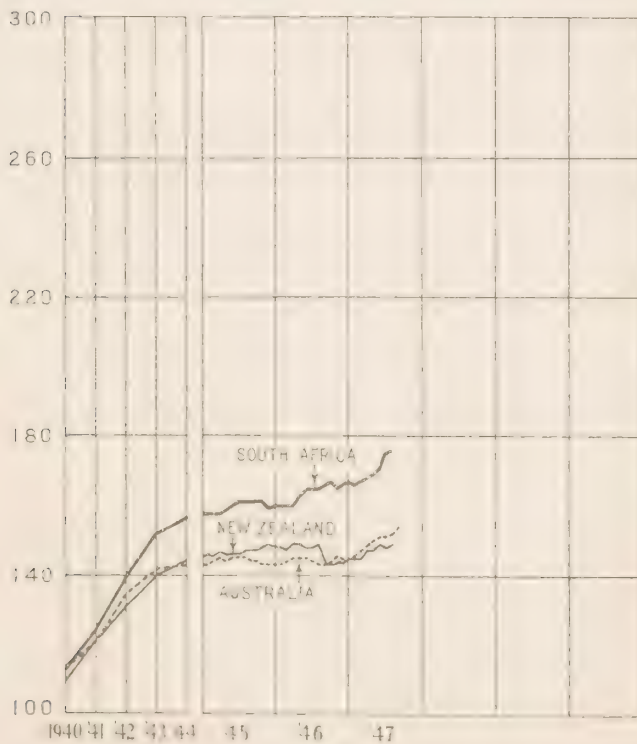
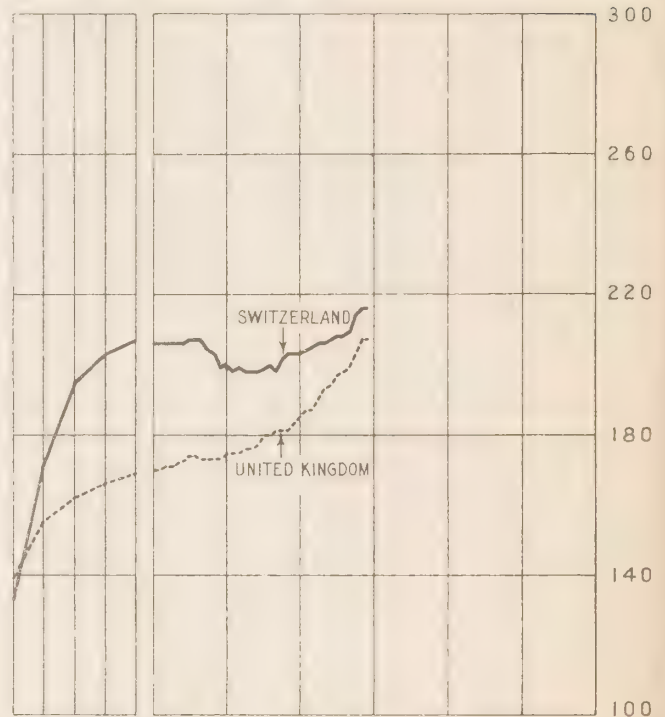
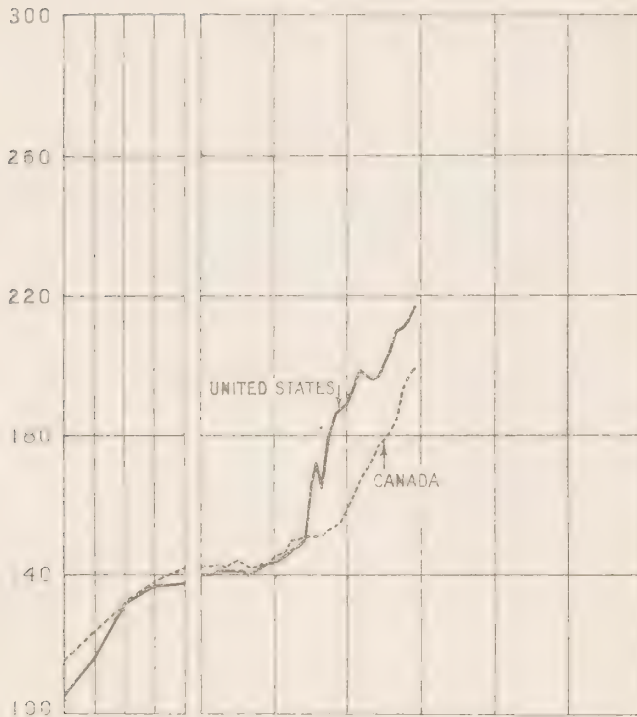
The behaviour of prices in Mexico during 1947 offered a contrast to movements in most countries. A rise in the Mexican index in the second half did not offset earlier declines; the November index showed a 2 p.c. loss for the year to date in contrast to a gain of 18 p.c. in 1946.

Among cost-of-living series, Czechoslovakia and Norway showed declines in the second half of 1947 and for the year as a whole. Other European series continued to record moderate increases with the exception of countries where current index numbers are upwards of ten times pre-war levels, e.g., France and Italy. The new interim index of retail prices for the United Kingdom rose 4 p.c. from June to December. Cost-of-living series for Canada and the United States accelerated their rise in the second half of 1947, with increases of 8.2 p.c. and 6.3 p.c. respectively. Available index numbers for Australia and New Zealand recorded moderate increases in the first three quarters of the year. Price controls in both countries were retained throughout 1947. In New Zealand many subsidies were cancelled in 1947, but subsidy payments were continued on bread, butter, milk, tea, eggs and coal.

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

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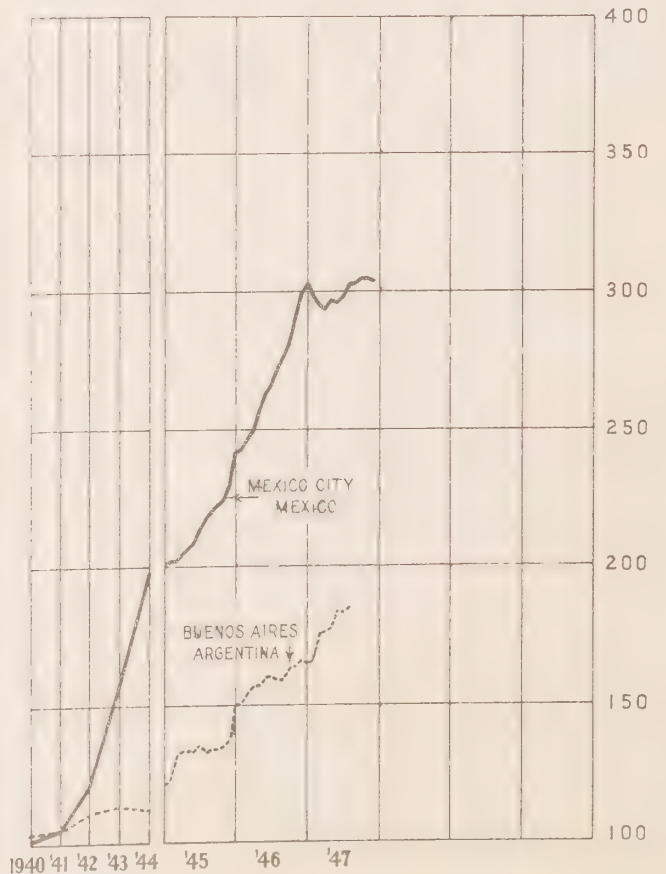
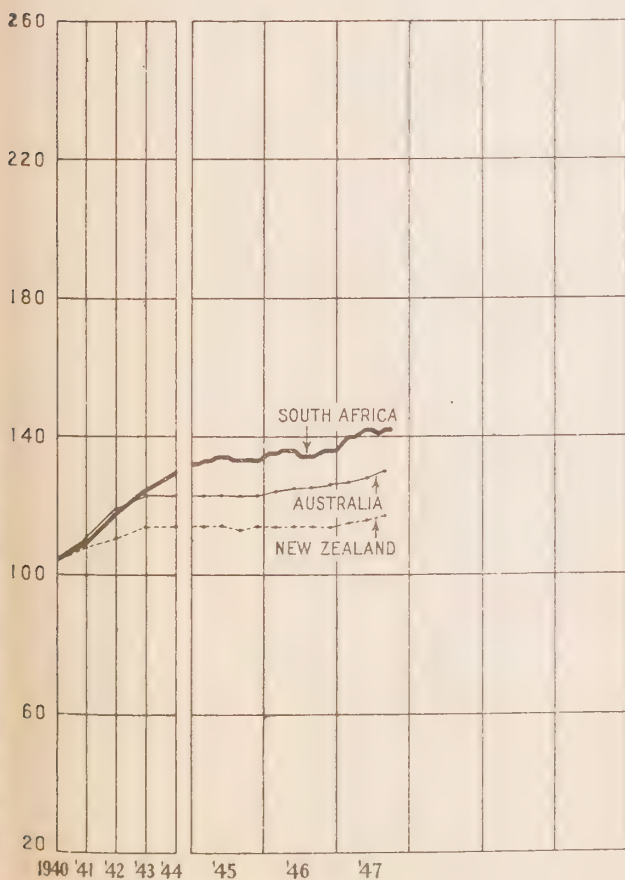
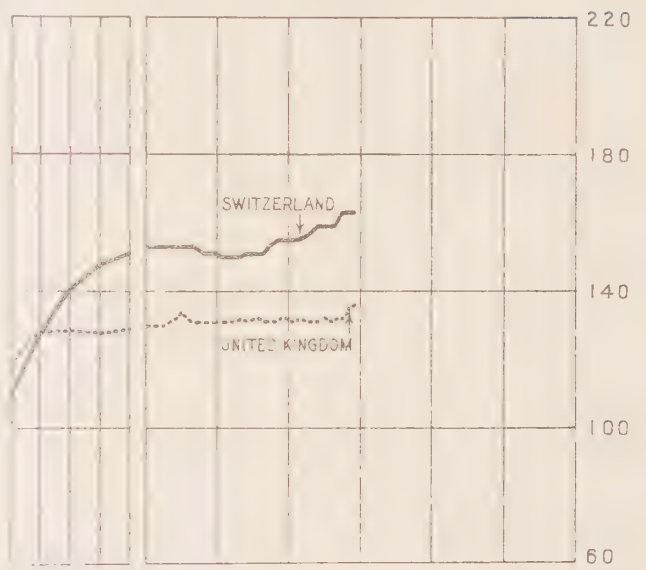
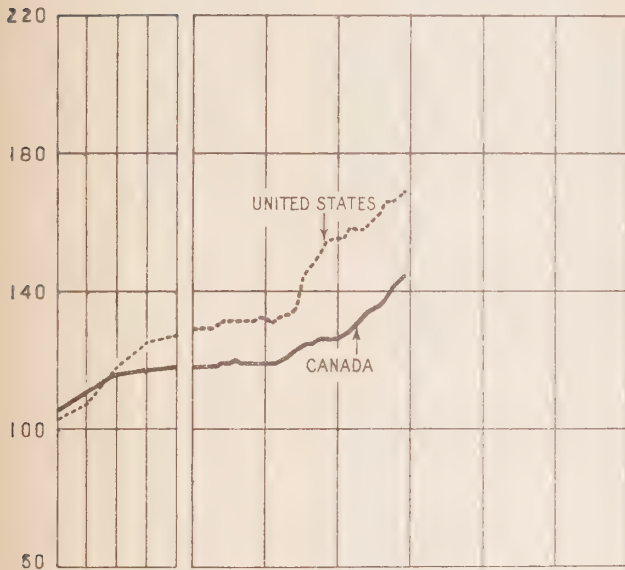
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

AUGUST, 1939 = 100

ALL INDEX NUMBERS CONVERTED FROM ORIGINAL BASE TO BASE AUGUST, 1939 = 100



CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1947

Country	Percentage Change Between -		
	June, 1947	December, 1946	August, 1939
	December, 1947	December, 1947	December, 1947
Canada	+ 12.3	+ 28.1	+ 98
Czechoslovakia	+ 3.7	+ 1.8	+ 180
Denmark	+ 5.2	+ 9.0	+ 118
France	+ 34.6	+ 44.5	+ 1093
India (a)	+ 10.6	+ 10.6	+ 306
Mexico (a)	+ 3.0	+ 2.2	+ 137
Peru	+ 16.4	+ 39.6	+ 250
Sweden	+ 2.5	+ 6.3	+ 84
Switzerland	+ 4.5	+ 6.3	+ 116
United Kingdom	+ 7.2	+ 13.1	+ 107
United States	+ 10.6	+ 15.8	+ 118

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1947

Country	Percentage Change Between -		
	June, 1947	December, 1946	August, 1939
	December, 1947	December, 1947	December, 1947
Canada	+ 8.2	+ 14.9	+ 45
Czechoslovakia	- 2.6	- 6.6	+ 178
Iceland	+ 5.8	+ 7.2	+ 218
Mexico (a)	+ 3.0	+ 2.2	+ 205
Newfoundland	+ 5.3	+ 9.1	+ 72
Norway	- 2.8	- 2.4	+ 56
Peru	+ 26.5	+ 46.1	+ 207
Switzerland	+ 2.7	+ 5.3	+ 63
Sweden	+ 1.9	+ 7.3	+ 56
United Kingdom	+ 4.0	-	-
United States	+ 6.3	+ 8.9	+ 69

(a) November, 1947, latest available figure.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CANADA

COUNTRY

COUNTRY		Dominion Bureau of Statistics				
AUTHORITY	General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Canadian Farm Products
No. of Commodities	508(a)	206	365	212	296	
Base Period	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913	1913
1913	64.0	100.0	67.4	63.8	64.8	64.1
1920	155.9	243.5	163.1	155.7	156.8	160.6
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1929	95.6	149.3	96.3	97.5	93.0	100.8
1933	67.1	104.8	63.1	56.6	70.2	51.0
1936	73.1	117.3	58.7	57.4	74.3	64.3
1940	82.9	123.5	78.7	75.3	81.5	67.6(b)
1941	90.0	140.6	83.6	81.8	88.8	72.8(b)
1942	95.6	149.3	88.3	90.1	91.9	85.0(b)
1943	100.0	156.2	95.1	99.1	93.1	97.9(b)
1944	102.5	160.1	97.4	104.0	93.6	107.1(b)
1945	103.6	161.3	98.1	105.6	94.0	109.7(b)
1946	108.7	169.8	101.1	109.5	98.8	111.9(b)
1939 August	72.3	112.9	72.7	62.8	72.6	58.4
1939 January	111.1	174.1	111.3	112.1	107.7	114.3
February	118.1	184.5	117.4	119.4	106.8	115.5
March	120.4	188.1	121.2	123.8	107.7	116.4
April	122.9	192.0	123.6	125.6	111.8	116.9
May	125.3	195.7	125.6	128.1	113.4	118.5
June	127.8	199.6	128.5	129.3	115.6	118.2
July	129.1	201.7	129.4	131.6	116.2	120.1
August	130.8	204.3	131.4	133.1	117.1	120.9
September	132.6	207.9	133.6	135.5	121.0	120.3
October	139.3	217.6	139.8	138.6	127.5	122.9
November	142.5	222.6	142.4	142.3	131.1	126.5
December	143.9	224.1	143.3	145.1	133.6	130.7

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 136 to 502; in January, 1932 to 567; and in 1942 to 510.

(b) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	N O R T H A M E R I C A			S O U T H A M E R I C A		
	UNITED STATES		MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU
COUNTRY	Bureau of Labor Statistics			Banco de		
	General	Farm Products	Official	La Nacion		
AUTHORITY	Index			Official		
	Index			Official		
No. of	889(a)	67	32	108		58
Commodities						
Base Period	1913	1926	1929	1926	1913	1914-16(b)
1913	69.8	71.5	-	75.5	100.0	100(b)
1920	154.4	150.7	-	-	-	239(b)
1926	100.0(a)	100.0	-	100.0	-	203(b)
1929	95.3	104.9	100.0	96.4	192.8	186(b)
1933	66.0	51.4	89.8	85.6	346.0	180(b)
1939	77.1	65.3	127.0	108.2	420.7	114
1940	78.6	67.7	128.2	123.4	464.1	129
1941	87.3	82.4	135.8	145.1	541.3	152
1942	98.8	105.9	148.3	187.6	736.0	190
1943	102.1	122.6	182.4	202.4	811.8	219
1944	104.0	123.3	226.9	211.3	838.1	226
1945	105.8	128.2	246.9	217.3	892.1	236
1946	121.1	148.9	286.4	234.2	1030.0	254
	(c)	(c)		(c)	(c)	
1929 August	75.0	61.0	129.1	102.9	414.0	
1947 January	141.5	165.0	311.9	242.4	1186.3	286
February	144.6	170.4	310.0	245.3	1222.2	295
March	149.5	182.6	305.0	244.4	1235.8	303
April	147.7	177.0	299.6	246.5	1255.6	316
May	147.1	175.7	299.3	247.8	1278.1	321
June	147.6	177.9	297.1	248.4	1317.8	338
July	150.6	181.4	293.4	250.0	1359.2	353
August	153.6	181.7	292.3	253.1	1384.9	359
September	157.4	186.4	298.2	255.2	1425.0	372
October	158.5	189.7	303.5	255.2	1420.8	382
November	159.7	187.9	306.0	256.1		386
December	163.2	196.7				393

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.

(b) Years 1913-33 on base 1913=100.

(c) Monthly average.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	F U R			S W I Z E R L A N D			C Z E C H O S L O V A K I A			S W E D E N			F I R E		
	E U R O P E			F E D E R A L			L A B O U R			O F F I C I A L			C O M M E R C E		
AUTHORITY	B O A R D			E C O N O M I S T			D E P A R T M E N T			D E P A R T M E N T			O F F I C I A L		
No. of Commodities Base Period	T R A D E			1 0 d			7 8			1 2 6			1 6 0		
	2 0 0			1 9 3 5			J u l y , 1 9 1 4			M a r c h , 1 9 3 9			1 9 3 5 (e)		
1913	-	207.3(c)	150.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100(e)	-	-
1920	-	148.1(c)	290.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	359(e)	-	-
1926	-	136.5(c)	199.1	-	-	-	144.5	-	-	-	-	-	149(e)	-	-
1929	-	85.7	166.2	-	-	-	141.2	-	-	-	-	-	140(e)	-	-
1933	-	102.8	90.9	-	-	-	91.0	-	-	-	-	-	107(e)	-	-
1939	-	136.6	109.4	-	-	-	111.2	-	-	-	-	-	115	-	-
1940	-	152.6	133.5	-	-	-	143.0	-	-	-	-	-	146	-	-
1941	-	159.4	137.4	-	-	-	183.5	-	-	-	-	-	172	-	-
1942	-	162.8	142.2	-	-	-	209.6	-	-	-	-	-	189	-	-
1943	-	166.2	147.2	-	-	-	218.2	-	-	-	-	-	196	-	-
1944	-	169.0	156.7	-	-	-	222.6	-	-	-	-	-	196	-	-
1945	-	175.2	164.8(g)	-	-	-	220.6	-	-	-	-	-	194	-	-
1946	-	98.1	254.5	-	-	-	214.7	-	-	-	-	-	186	-	-
1939 August	-	98.1	106.4	-	-	-	(b)	-	-	-	-	-	(a)	-	-
1947 January	-	181.6	230.0	-	-	-	218.5	-	-	-	-	-	194	-	-
February	-	183.2	232.3	-	-	-	219.0	-	-	-	-	-	195	-	-
March	-	183.6	262.5	-	-	-	220.0	-	-	-	-	-	196	-	-
April	-	187.1	262.5	-	-	-	221.0	-	-	-	-	-	197	-	-
May	-	189.1	262.1	-	-	-	221.3	-	-	-	-	-	198	-	-
June	-	189.8	262.1	-	-	-	222.3	-	-	-	-	-	199	-	-
July	-	193.3	251.8	-	-	-	222.9	-	-	-	-	-	199	-	-
August	-	193.9	251.1	-	-	-	223.1	-	-	-	-	-	199	-	-
September	-	195.2	254.9	-	-	-	224.2	-	-	-	-	-	201	-	-
October	-	199.3	258.8	-	-	-	229.7	-	-	-	-	-	202	-	-
November	-	202.7	262.4	-	-	-	231.5	-	-	-	-	-	204	-	-
December	-	203.5	267.0	-	-	-	232.3	-	-	-	-	-	204	-	-

(a) First of month. (b) End of month. (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (d) Sensitive commodities.
 (e) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116. (f) July. (g) Revised.

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COUNTRY	EUROPE				FRANCE	NETHERLANDS		NORWAY	PORTUGAL
	FINLAND	GERMANY	IRELAND	UNITED KINGDOM		Central Bureau of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics		
AUTHORITY	Department of Statistics	Department of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistique Generale	Central Bureau of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics
No. of Commodities	72	118	296	135	200	95	48		
Base 1913=100	1919(a)	1935	1936	1936(b)	1935-1936	1936	1937		
1917	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	2973(a)	117	-	-	106(e)	-	-	-	-
1928	3204(a)	108	108	-	100(e)	97	104	-	-
1933	1731(a)	90	99	-	63(e)	80	87	-	-
1939	100	118	120	105	105	102	103	-	-
1940	116	172	161	139	131	132	131	-	-
1941	148	203	197	171	150	163	153	-	-
1942	188	213	243	201	157	172	177	-	-
1943	237	214	276	234	160	175	221	-	-
1944	345	217	305	265	164	177	248	-	-
1945	550	213	432	375	181	177	241	-	-
1946	627	210	686	648	251	169	236	-	-
1939 August	(c)	(c)	(c)	102	-	98	98	-	-
1947 January	687	224	721	874	267	171	232	-	-
February	693	225	726	889	268	171	255	-	-
March	694	224	759	860	269	172	256	-	-
April	700	226	766	847	268	173	256	-	-
May	685	229	775	946	268	173	260	-	-
June	687	230	781	904	270	173	260	-	-
July	694	236	799	888	272	179	252	-	-
August	694	236	853	1004	271	178	249	-	-
September	699	235	862	1096	272	178	247	-	-
October	708	235		1129	274		245	-	-
November	750	239		1211				-	-
December		241		1217				-	-

(a) Prior to 1913, base 1914=100. 1923 average is 2102 and August, 1939 index is 2158.

(b) Based on 1936 consumption weights. (c) Monthly Average. (d) July, 1928-June, 1939. (e) 1926-70=100.

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CONTINENT	A S I A			O C E A N I A			A F R I C A		
	PALESTINE	INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT			
AUTHORITY	Official	Department of Statistics, Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo			
No. of Commodities	50	72		180	188	23			
Base Period	June, 1936	July, 1914	1936-39	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1913-July, 1914			
1913	-	-	-	-	100.0	-			
1920	-	201	-	152.6	223.3	316			
1926	-	148	(c)	105.3	123.3	132			
1929	-	141	110.3	98.8	115.1	116			
1933	-	87	-	90.4	93.1	71			
1939	101.4	108	101.1	107.1	101.9	88			
1940	125.4	120	104.7	119.5	113.2	100			
1941	172.1	139	114.0	131.1	124.3	130			
1942	251.0	185	124.2	141.6	139.5	181			
1943	306.3	307	127.3	151.3	151.6	228			
1944	323.3	298	139.6	155.8	157.0	270			
1945	323.5	289	140.5	153.4	159.2	274			
1946	336.4	324	141.2	158.4	163.1	263			
1939 August	92.8	(a) 100	97.9	(b) 108.4	99.8(d)	83			
1947 January	335.9	373	142.0	156.9	166.2				
February	338.9	378	143.0	157.1	166.1				
March	337.9	370	144.0	157.0	166.2				
April	332.5	367	145.9	159.4	167.3				
May	330.5	363	146.3	159.0	168.5				
June	331.5	367	147.0	161.2	170.2				
July	346.4	374	147.5	160.7	171.5				
August	356.4	374	148.6	161.7	172.9				
September	364.2	393	150.4	166.9	174.3				
October		398	152.4	171.2	175.4				
November		406	155.7	174.0					
December									

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) July, 1939. (e) Revised.

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CONTINENT
COUNTRY

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

UNITED STATES

MEXICO

Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board		Official	
	Cost of Living		Consumers' Price Index (d)		Consumers' Price Index		Cost of Living	
	1935-39	1925-39	1935-39	1925-39	1923	1923	1934	1934
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	118.2	136.2	-	-
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	110.6	-	-
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	100.1	106.9	-	-
1933	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	67.8	-	-
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	84.5	76.6	155.4	156.2
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.3	77.7	157.3	153.6
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.0	85.3	163.9	158.5
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	100.9	188.3	179.0
1943	118.4	130.7	123.6(c)	138.0	103.2	112.6	246.6	229.8
1944	118.9	131.3	125.5	136.1	104.6	110.9	310.0	297.2
1945	119.5	133.0	128.4	139.1	106.3	113.0	332.6	319.8
1946	123.6	140.4	139.3	159.6	113.2	127.6	414.7	414.0
1939 August	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	156.0	157.4
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.0	75.3	-	-
1947 January	127.0	145.5	153.3	183.8	-	-	473.0	476.2
February	127.8	147.0	153.2	182.3	-	-	465.0	467.3
March	128.9	148.7	156.3	189.5	124.8	152.3	460.7	462.8
April	130.6	151.6	156.1	188.0	-	-	459.2	462.8
May	133.1	154.9	156.0	187.6	-	-	464.0	470.2
June	134.9	157.7	157.1	190.5	125.4(e)	153.3(e)	462.3	469.0
July	135.9	159.8	158.4	193.1	126.6	155.8	464.2	472.4
August	136.6	160.6	160.3	196.5	128.2	159.4	472.1	482.5
September	139.4	165.3	163.8	203.5	130.2	164.6	473.0	483.9
October	142.2	171.3	163.8	201.6	130.9	163.6	475.4	486.7
November	143.6	173.6	164.9	202.7	131.9	165.2	476.3	487.3
December	146.0	178.7	167.0	206.9	133.6	168.2	-	-

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Revised. (d) Since August, 1945, "Consumers' Price Index for Moderate-Income Families in Large Cities." (e) Monthly from June, 1947.

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CONTINENT		NORTH AMERICA		UNITED KINGDOM		E U R O P E		FRANCE		SWITZERLAND	
COUNTRY		NEWFOUNDLAND				EIRE					
Nature of Index	Base Period	Official		Minister of Labour		105 Towns and Localities		Peris		34 Towns	
		Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Cost of Living		Foods (g)		Cost of Living	
		St. John's	October, 1938	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1938	June, 1914		
1913		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920		-	-	249	256	-	-	-	-	224	242
1926		-	-	172	164	185	179	-	-	162	160
1929		-	-	164	154	176	169	-	-	161	156
1933		-	-	140	120	151	131	-	-	131	117
1939		104.4(b)	-	158	141	178	163	108	108	138	132
1940		-	-	184	164	205	183	129	129	151	146
1941		128.2(b)	-	199	168	226	202	149	149	174	175
1942		140.3	-	200	161	250	225	174	174	193	200
1943		149.1	-	199	166	282	247	224	224	203	211
1944		160.7	-	201	168	295	262	275	275	207	215
1945		160.4	-	203	169	295	263	377	377	209	215
1946		163.1	-	203	169	291	263	645	645	208	210
		(a)	-	(a)	(a)	(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)
1939 August		-	-	155	137	173	158	108	108	137	131
1947 January		165.6	204	168	168	-	-	847	847	212	215
February		167.6	203	168	168	295	271	851	851	212	215
March		167.6	204	169	169	-	-	833	833	212	216
April		168.0	203	168	168	-	-	830	830	213	215
May		169.7	203	162	162	305	281	883	883	216	220
June		170.5	100(e)	100(e)	100(e)	-	-	941	941	217	222
July		174.5	101	101	101	-	-	974	974	217	221
August		174.4	100	99	99	319	300	1089	1089	217	222
September		172.1	101	100	100	-	-	1187	1187	218	222
October		176.0	101	101	101	-	-	1309	1309	223	229
November		178.8	103	103	103	97(f)	96(f)	1378	1378	223	230
December		179.5	104	103	103	-	-	1393	1393	223	230

(a) First of month. (b) October. (c) Middle of month. (d) Last week of month. (e) New Interim Index of Retail Prices, June 17, 1947=100. (f) Beginning November, 1947, Interim Cost of Living Index (Essential Items) on base August, 1947=100. (g) Retail prices of 29 articles.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	BULGARIA			DENMARK			FINLAND			SWEDEN		
	12			100			56			49		
Nature of Index	Towns(a)			Localities			Towns			Towns		
	Cost of Living	Foods	Base Period	Cost of Living	Foods	Base Period	Cost of Living	Foods	Base Period	Cost of Living	Foods	Base Period
1913	-	-	1939	-	-	1935	-	-	1935	-	-	1925
1920	-	-	1939	(d)	-	1935	-	-	1935	(d)	-	1925
1926	2,629(b)	2,813(b)	1939	108	-	1935	119	-	1935	269(c)	293(c)	1925
1929	2,941(b)	2,992(b)	1939	101	-	1935	123	-	1935	172(c)	158(c)	1925
1933	2,006(b)	1,680(b)	1939	93	-	1935	100	-	1935	169(c)	149(c)	1925
1939	100	100	1939	109	-	1935	111	-	1935	153(c)	121(c)	1925
1940	112	115	1939	136	-	1935	132	112	1935	109	115	1925
1941	135	143	1939	157	-	1935	155	137	1935	123	131	1925
1942	178	199	1939	164	169	1935	183	162	1935	139	149	1925
1943	226	268	1939	166	169	1935	206	189	1935	151	162	1925
1944	339	423	1939	168	167	1935	219	211	1935	153	160	1925
1945	509	641	1939	170	168	1935	307	214	1935	154	160	1925
1946	573	727	1939	169	170	1935	490	334	1935	155	158	1925
1939 August	-	-	1939	107(e)	108(e)	1939	109	110	1939	108	114	1939
1947 January	626	815	1947	170	174	1947	513	-	1947	-	-	1947
February	640	840	1947	-	-	1947	525	-	1947	-	-	1947
March	623	824	1947	-	-	1947	571	-	1947	162	165	1947
April	631	818	1947	173	176	1947	594	-	1947	-	-	1947
May	611	788	1947	-	-	1947	609	-	1947	-	-	1947
June	631	824	1947	-	-	1947	618	-	1947	166	166	1947
July	645	847	1947	174	178	1947	648	-	1947	-	-	1947
August	631	819	1947	-	-	1947	661	-	1947	-	-	1947
September	619	795	1947	-	-	1947	672	-	1947	168	172	1947
October	640	823	1947	175	179	1947	-	-	1947	-	-	1947
November	666	861	1947	-	-	1947	-	-	1947	-	-	1947
December	-	-	1947	-	-	1947	169	-	1947	169	172	1947

(a) Workingman's family. (b) Old series, 1914=100. 1939 averages are 1808 and 1832 for Cost of Living and Foods respectively. (c) July, 1914=100, prior to 1925. (d) Includes direct taxation. (e) July quarter, 1939.

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COUNTRY NORWAY NETHERLANDS CZECHOSLOVAKIA ITALY

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31 Towns

Municipalities

Rome

Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1938	1938	July, 1928-June, 1929	March, 1929	1928	1928	1928	1929

1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	120.3	119.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	96.8	96.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1933	86.0	79.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	101.3	101.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
1940	118.2	122.3	101.9	101.7	104.0	106.3	(d)	(d)
1941	138.5	146.1	116.6	120.3	122.1	128.3	105	102
1942	-	-	134.0	143.8	149.1	141.1	140	146
1943	-	-	143.4	157.4	161.8	145.0	158	174
1944	152.3	154.7	148.7	159.5	160.0	143.8	-	-
1945	155.0	155.0	-	-	160.9	145.2	-	-
1946	158.9	156.9	-	-	169.7	149.8	-	-
1929 August	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(c)	319.3	(c)	-
	100.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1947 January	160.0	155.4	198	205	310.3	312.6	3,080	4,356
February	160.5	156.0	198	205	312.8	316.1	3,064	4,325
March	160.8	156.5	200	207	313.1	316.1	3,227	4,565
April	161.2	157.1	200	208	297.5	287.7	3,647	5,164
May	161.6	157.5	200	208	296.4	287.7	3,670	5,156
June	162.1	158.0	203	215	296.4	285.5	4,030	5,728
July	160.5	157.3	200	217	286.5	296.1	4,179	5,919
August	159.2	155.8	197	209	282.8	285.9	4,567	6,553
September	158.1	154.1	200	214	284.7	289.7	4,565	6,521
October	157.4	152.3	-	-	284.3	287.4	4,459	6,348
November	157.3	152.0	-	-	286.3	290.8	-	-
December	157.5	152.3	-	-	288.6	295.5	-	-

(a) Fifteenth of month. (b) End of month. (c) First week of month. (d) Annual averages, old series, converted to 1938 base.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE			AFRICA			ASIA		
	COUNTRY	PORTUGAL	ICELAND	SOUTHERN RHODESIA	SOUTH AFRICA	INDIA			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living		Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods, 9 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods, Bombay	
	June 1914	Jan.-March, 1939	Reykjavik	Living	9 Towns	1938	Bombay	Bombay	
Base Period	1914	1939		August, 1939	1938	1938	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	145.8	166.0	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	106.3	109.6	-	-	-
1929	2,361	-	-	-	106.6	107.2	-	-	-
1933	1,948	-	-	-	93.2	91.7	-	-	-
1939	1,918	103	104	-	99.9	99.3	106	114	114
1940	2,009	128	136	-	103.4	102.5	112	125	125
1941	2,268	160	189	-	108.2	109.9	124	140	140
1942	2,758	206	264	108(d)	117.3	121.1	157	180	180
1943	3,118	256	330	114(e)	124.4	131.6	230	253	253
1944	3,208	268	334	123	128.8	137.4	237	-	-
1945	3,479	277	342	127	132.2	140.6	235	271	271
1946	3,980	293	361	131	134.1	144.1	259	317	317
	(a)	(c)	(c)						
1939 August	1,903	103	104	128	99.3	97.7	105	112	112
1947 January	4,319	310	387	133	135.3	145.3	267	328	328
February	4,318	316	394	134	137.2	149.1	263	320	320
March	4,286	310	380	133	138.6	151.8	269	328	328
April	4,263	310	371	134	139.3	153.1	270	329	329
May	4,208	311	372	133	139.9	154.3	271	330	330
June	4,068	310	362	134	141.2	155.3	278	342	342
July	4,000	310	356	133	140.8	153.3	274	336	336
August	5,977	312	356	133	140.5	152.2	264	355	355
September	3,976	312	356	136	140.9	152.7	293	382	382
October	3,961	325	378	137	140.8	152.2	296	373	373
November	3,941	326	379	139					
December		328	382	140					

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month. (d) August. (e) June.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	A S I A		O C E A N I A		NEW ZEALAND		JAMAICA		CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA	
	PALESTINE		AUSTRALIA		Towns		Kingston		TRINIDAD	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Arab & Jewish		Cost of Living, 6 Capital Cities		Cost of Living, 25 Towns		Cost of Living, Kingston		Cost of Living, Kingston	
	Jan. 1942(g)	July, 1936-June, 1939	July, 1936-June, 1939	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-1930	August, 1939	1935	1935	1935	1935
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	101.9	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	(c)	(c)	-	101.0	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	115.0	115.5	-	100.4	-	-	-	-	-
1933	-	-	-	-	79.5	-	-	-	-	-
1939	-	102.9	104.8	-	99.0	-	-	-	-	-
1940	-	105.1	106.1	-	103.5	120.5	123.7	129	-	-
1941	-	111.1	108.4	-	107.3	135.2	133.1	140	-	-
1942	110	117.6	111.8	-	110.9	152.2	144.4	159	-	-
1943	133	126.7	120.3	-	100.2(d)	157.1	143.9	184	154(h)	154(h)
1944	138	127.0	117.2	-	100.3(d)	159.1	139.2	195	191(h)	191(h)
1945	147	127.0	117.9	-	100.4	158.7	143.0	196	205	205
1946	152	127.8	118.7	-	100.8	164.9	154.2	204	208	208
1939 August	(g)	(a)	-	-	(d)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)
1947 January	158	-	119.9	-	-	178.0	163.9	220	251	251
February	159	-	123.3	-	-	181.7	167.9	221	252	252
March	160	131.4	124.4	101.3	101.3	185.3	172.3	221	253	253
April	158	-	124.0	-	-	-	-	220	251	251
May	158	-	124.4	-	-	193.4	177.9	220	251	251
June	157	132.4	125.1	102.7	102.7	190.4	177.5	221	252	252
July	158	-	126.2	-	-	196.6	178.5	221	252	252
August	158	-	126.4	-	-	198.7	179.6	221	252	252
September	163	134.4	126.3	103.2	103.2	203.3	180.9	221	252	252
October	-	-	128.0	-	-	203.4	181.1	221	252	252
November	-	-	129.2	-	-	205.8	181.9	221	252	252
December	-	-	-	-	108.5	206.3	181.8	225	259	259

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) Quarterly wartime index, December 1942=100. December, 1942, old series, = 112.8. (e) End of month. (f) First of month. (g) On base Pre-war=100, January, 1942 is 175. (h) July.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA			
	ARGENTINA		CHILE	
COUNTRY	COLOMBIA		PERU	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Buenos Aires	Foods, Buenos Aires	Cost of Living, Bogota	Foods, Bogota
Base Period	1943 (a)	1943 (a)	February, 1937	March, 1928
1913	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-
1933	88.8	-	-	119
1939	100.0	-	-	147
1940	102.3	102.3	118.4	210
1941	105.0	105.2	114.6	245
1942	110.9	115.1	113.0	281
1943	112.1	116.6	122.8	367
1944	99.7	103.7	142.3	434
1945	119.4	119.5	167.8	465
1946	140.5	144.2	182.1	495
			204.5	576
			219.5	
1939 August			208.3	
			115.8	206
1947 January	146.4	150.8	116.7	
February	147.4	152.7		741
March	156.4	164.2	245.0	730
April	156.5	163.2	248.3	732
May	156.7	162.3	256.0	736
June	164.0	164.8	261.7	754
July	162.3	161.1	263.2	754
August	163.7	172.5	267.1	783
September			273.6	789
October			272.8	804
November			268.3	792
December			267.5	
				242
				245
				251
				259
				265
				272
				280
				301
				335
				354
				362
				397
				406
				247
				252
				258
				267
				276
				289
				301
				335
				354
				362
				397
				406

(a) New series. Years 1933-43 are on base, 1939=100.

(b) Years 1913-33 are on base 1913=100. Since October, 1933 index includes heating.

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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1948

Practically all national wholesale price index numbers continued to move upward in the first half of 1948. Increases between December, 1947 and June, 1948 ranged from 0.3 p.c. for Switzerland to 38.9 p.c. for France, but between these extremes increases of 1 to 10 p.c. predominated. Declines over the six-month period were recorded by series for Italy and Spain.

Index numbers for the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand all recorded smaller rates of advance in the first half of 1948 than in the previous half year. The Canadian wholesale price index for June, 1948 was 5.9 p.c. above December, 1947 and 18.7 p.c. above June, 1947. The U.S. Bureau of Labor monthly index showed a December-June rise of 1.8 p.c. A break in farm prices was responsible for a sharp February drop of 2.9 p.c. in the Bureau of Labor all-commodities index, but it was followed by advances which brought the June, 1948 index to 166.2. This was 0.6 p.c. below the May, 1920 peak, which subsequently was passed. Increases of 3.9 p.c. and 3.2 p.c. for Australia and New Zealand were moderate compared with gains made in the latter half of 1947 when the partial removal of subsidies was followed by unusual advances in both series. A sharp upturn in June in the South African index was largely responsible for the net December-June increase of 5.1 p.c.

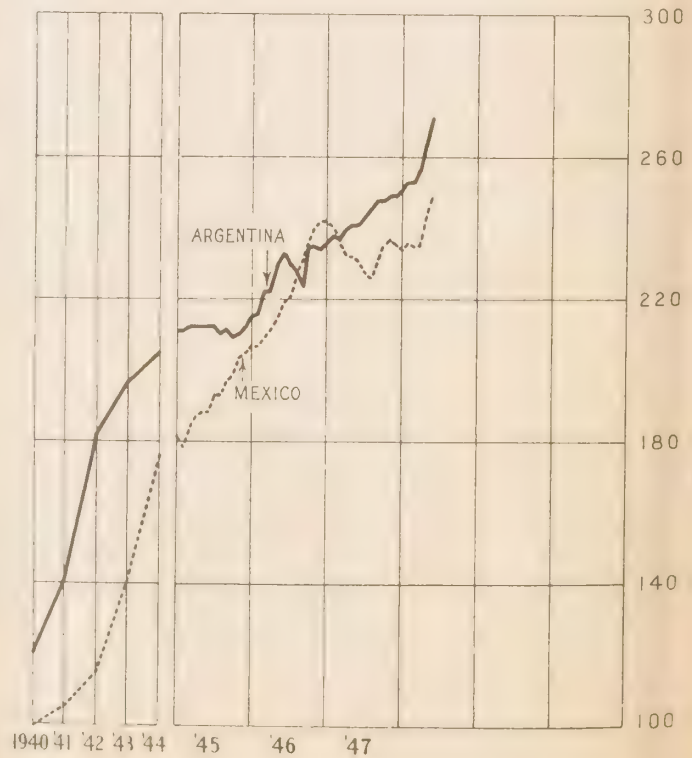
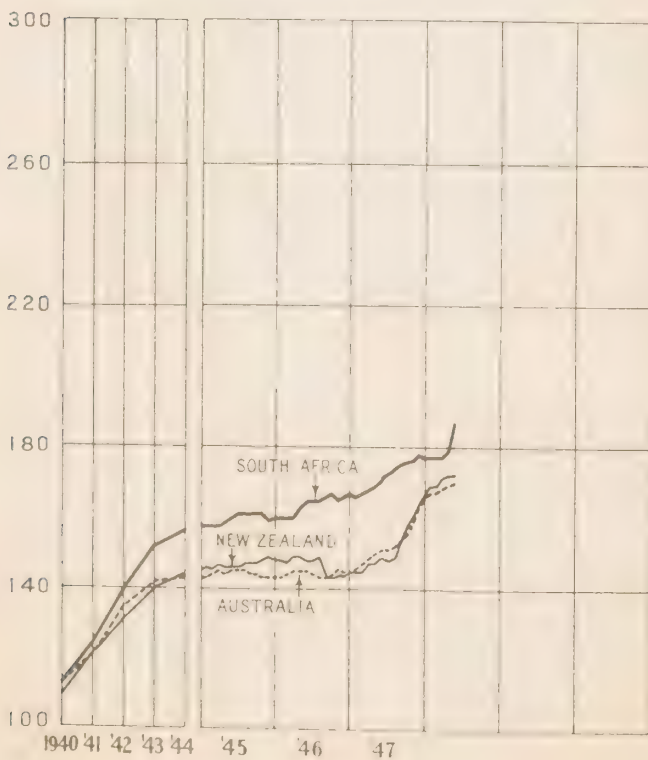
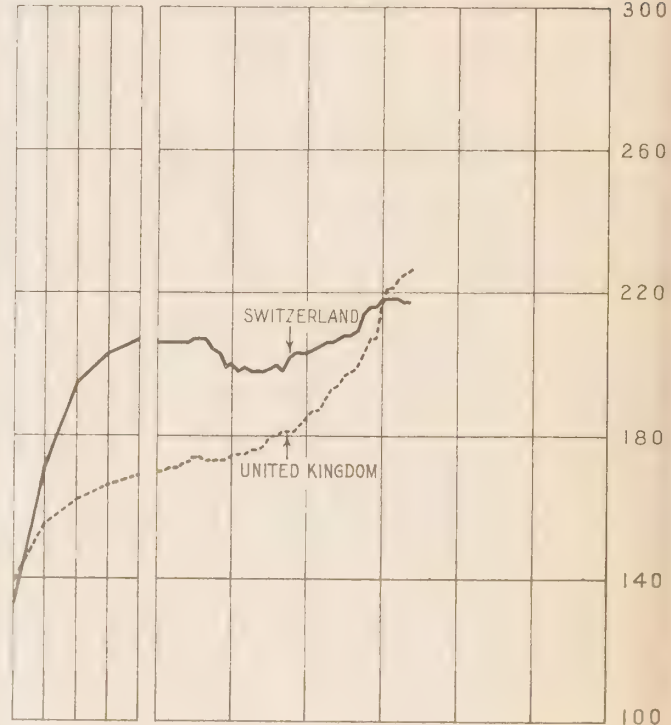
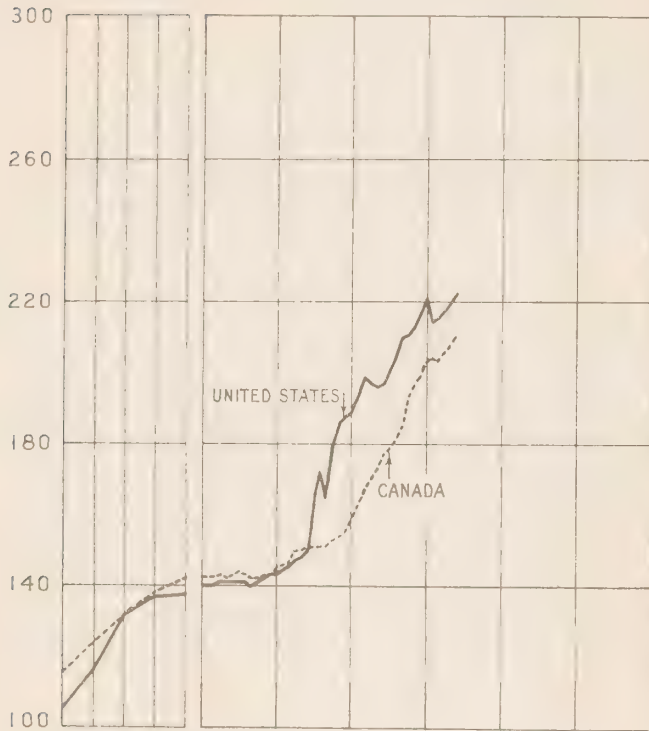
The United Kingdom Board of Trade index rose 9.1 p.c. in the first half of 1948; foods were up 7.3 p.c. and industrial materials and manufactures 10.2 p.c. Other European index numbers revealed considerable diversity of pattern in the first half of 1948. The Italian wholesale price index moved down 6.9 p.c. in this period, continuing a decline which began in September, 1947. The Spanish index receded 1.3 p.c. from the all-time high of December, 1947. The Netherlands series recorded no change between December and June, although intervening months were fractionally below the December level. Series for Switzerland, Portugal, Norway and Czechoslovakia accumulated small gains ranging from 0.3 p.c. to 2.3 p.c. Sweden and Denmark, with larger increases, 5.4 p.c. and 5.8 p.c., respectively, showed slightly accelerated rates of rise in this period. Most substantial increases on record for the European group were for Finland and France, with percentage advances of 9.1 and 38.9 respectively.

Among cost-of-living series, increases in the first half of 1948 ranged from fractional gains for Switzerland, Spain and Egypt, to 22 p.c. for Japan (28 Towns) and 672 p.c. for Shanghai. Small losses were shown by series for Portugal and Iceland. The majority of increases were from 1 to 10 p.c., and in many cases these showed a slower rate of advance than in the second half of 1947. The Canadian June, 1948 index of 154.3 (1935=39=100) was 5.7 p.c. above December, 1947 and 2.5 p.c. above July, 1920, the peak following World War I. The United States Consumers' Price Index, on the same base was 171.1, 2.8 p.c. above December, 1947 and 14.9 p.c. above its June, 1920 high. The United Kingdom Interim Index of retail prices mounted 5.8 p.c. in the first half of 1948 to register a 10 p.c. increase over its base period level of June, 1947.

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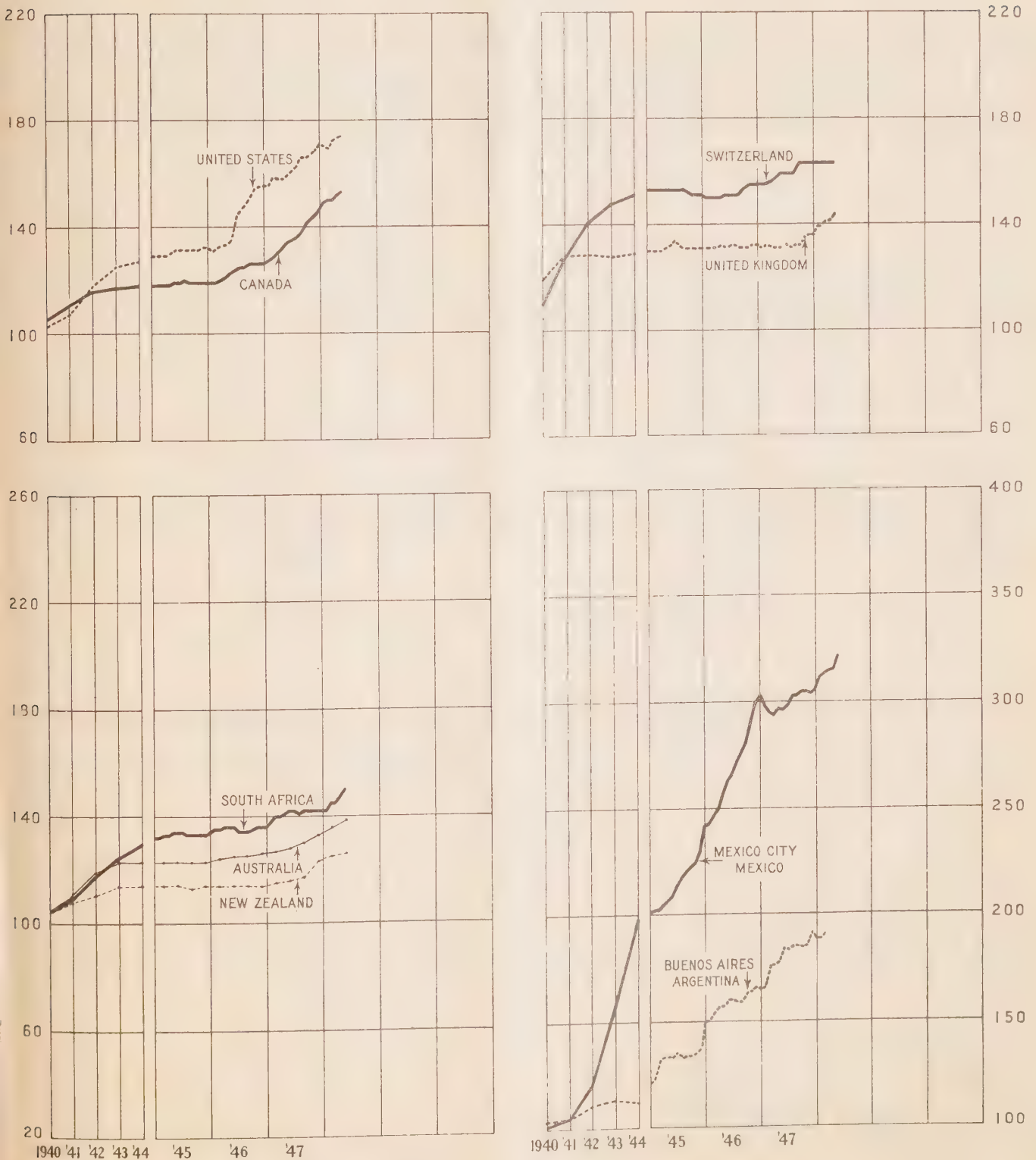
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

AUGUST, 1939 = 100

ALL INDEX NUMBERS CONVERTED FROM ORIGINAL BASE TO BASE AUGUST, 1939 = 100



CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

FIRST HALF OF 1948

Country	Percentage Change Between -		
	December, 1947	June, 1947	August, 1939
	June, 1948	June, 1948	June, 1948
Argentina	+ 8.7	+ 12.3	+ 171
Australia	+ 3.9	+ 13.1	+ 70
Canada	+ 5.9	+ 18.7	+ 110
Czechoslovakia	+ 2.3	+ 6.1	+ 186
Denmark	+ 5.8	+ 11.3	+ 131
Finland	+ 9.1	+ 41.1	+ 842
France	+38.9	+ 87.1	+ 1557
Italy	- 6.9	- 3.5	-
New Zealand	+ 3.2	+ 14.8	+ 72
Peru	+ 7.7	+ 25.3	+ 277
Portugal	+ 0.9	- 4.3	+ 146
Spain	- 1.3	+ 6.6	+ 203
Sweden	+ 5.4	+ 8.5	+ 95
Switzerland	+ 0.3	+ 4.9	+ 117
United Kingdom	+ 9.1	+ 17.0	+ 126
United States	+ 1.8	+ 12.5	+ 122

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

FIRST HALF OF 1948

Country	Percentage Change Between -		
	December, 1947	June, 1947	August, 1939
	June, 1948	June, 1948	June, 1948
Australia	+ 4.6	+ 8.8	+ 39
Canada	+ 5.7	+ 14.4	+ 53
China	+ 672	+ 2233	-
Czechoslovakia	+ 2.9	+ 0.2	-
Iceland	- 2.7	+ 2.9	+ 210
Japan	+22.0	+ 81.1	-
Mexico	+ 3.3	+ 6.1	+ 214
Newfoundland	+ 1.3	+ 6.7	+ 74
New Zealand	+ 2.3	+ 8.1	+ 26
Norway	+ 1.1	- 1.7	+ 58
Peru	+ 7.6	+ 36.2	+ 231
Sweden	+ 3.8	+ 5.8	+ 52
Switzerland	+ 0.2	+ 2.9	+ 63
United Kingdom	+ 5.8	+ 10.0	-
United States	+ 2.8	+ 9.3	+ 74

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

Dominion Bureau of Statistics

AUTHORITY	General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and partly Mfd. Goods		Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods		Canadian Farm Products
No. of Commodities	508(a)	206	365	212	296			
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926			1926
1913	64.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8			64.1
1920	155.9	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8			160.6
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			100.0
1929	95.6	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0			100.0
1939	75.4	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3			64.3
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5			67.6
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8			72.8
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9			85.0
1943	100.0	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1			97.9
1944	102.5	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6			107.1
1945	103.6	98.1	100.7	105.6	94.0			112.3(b)
1946	108.7	101.1	105.7	109.5	98.8			118.1(b)
1947	129.1	117.3	129.3	130.7	117.4			126.4
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6			58.4
1947 July	129.1	117.7(b)	129.7(b)	131.2(b)	116.2			126.4(b)
August	130.8	119.0(b)	131.6(b)	133.2(b)	117.2(b)			126.2(b)
September	134.0(b)	121.8(b)	135.3(b)	133.6(b)	123.3(b)			126.6(b)
October	139.3	124.8(b)	139.8	138.9(b)	127.6(b)			129.1(b)
November	142.5	130.1(b)	142.4	142.5	131.4			132.7(b)
December	143.5	131.2(b)	143.4(b)	145.2(b)	132.0			137.1(b)
1948 January	146.9	135.2	145.8	148.3	136.5			140.8
February	147.3	136.7	145.4	147.2	137.2			138.8
March	146.9	137.3	144.9	147.3	136.7			138.2
April	148.5	137.9	146.8	150.0	137.4			141.2
May	150.0	138.4	148.6	152.5	137.4			144.2
June	151.9	140.7	150.4	155.9	137.6			148.3

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.
 (b) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		NORTH AMERICA		SOUTH AMERICA			
COUNTRY	UNITED STATES		MEXICO	ARGENTINA		CHILE	PERU
	Bureau of Labor Statistics		Official	Banco de		Official	Official
AUTHORITY	General	Farm Products	Index	Index	La Nacion		
No. of	889(a)	67	32	105	58	58	
Commodities							
Base Period	1926	1926	1929	1926	1913	1934-36(b)	
1913	69.8	71.5	-	75.5	100.0	100(b)	
1920	154.4	150.7	-	-	-	239(b)	
1926	100.0(a)	100.0	-	100.0	-	203(b)	
1929	95.3	104.9	100.0	96.4	192.8	186(b)	
1939	77.1	65.3	127.0	108.2	420.7	114	
1940	78.6	67.7	128.2	123.4	464.1	129	
1941	87.3	82.4	135.8	145.1	541.3	152	
1942	98.8	105.9	148.3	187.6	736.0	190	
1943	103.1	122.6	182.4	202.4	811.8	219	
1944	104.0	123.3	226.9	211.3	838.1	226	
1945	105.8	128.2	246.9	217.3	892.1	236	
1946	121.1	148.9	286.4	234.2	1030.0	254	
1947	152.1 (c)	181.2 (c)	301.6	250.0 (c)	1328.4 (c)	342	
1939 August	75.0	61.0	129.1	102.9	414.0	-	
1947 July	150.6	181.4	293.4	250.0	1359.2	353	
August	153.7(d)	181.6(d)	292.3	253.1	1384.9	359	
September	157.4	186.4	298.2	255.1	1425.0	372	
October	158.5	189.7	303.5	255.2	1415.5	382	
November	159.6(d)	187.9	306.0	256.1	1429.2	386	
December	163.2	196.7	303.2	256.6	1431.4	393	
1948 January	165.7	199.2	302.4	258.1	1445.9	398	
February	160.9	185.3	304.3	260.0	1474.4	404	
March	161.4	186.0	303.1	260.4	1513.0	412	
April	162.8	186.7	302.7	264.9	1531.9	419	
May	163.9	189.1	313.2	272.1	1555.3	420	
June	166.2	196.0	321.1	278.9		424	

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.
 (b) Years 1913-33 on base 1913=100.
 (c) Monthly average.
 (d) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	E U R O P E				CZECHOSLOVAKIA		SWEDEN		EIRE	
	UNITED KINGDOM	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	Federal Labour Department	Official	Commerce Department	Official	Commerce Department	Official	Official
AUTHORITY	Board of Trade	Official								
No of	200	109	78	69	160	220				
Commodities										
Base Period	1930	1913	July, 1914	March, 1939	1935(e)	Oct. 1938				
1913	-	100.0	-	-	100(e)	-				
1920	307.3(c)	223.4	-	-	359(e)	-				
1926	148.1(c)	174.8	144.5	-	149(e)	-				
1929	136.5(c)	167.7	141.2	(d)	140(e)	-				
1939	102.8	241.9	111.2	109.5	115	105.4				
1940	136.6	288.8	143.0	132.8	146	131.8				
1941	152.6	341.5	183.5	142.3	172	148.0				
1942	159.4	375.4	209.6	145.4	189	170.2				
1943	162.8	419.1	218.2	147.3	196	189.4				
1944	166.2	450.8	222.6	148.1	196	198.2				
1945	169.0	500.3	220.6	164.7	194	197.5				
1946	175.2	600.2	214.7	287.7	186	197.5				
1947	191.7	704.1	223.8	302.5	199	219.3				
			(b)	(a)						
1939 August	98.1	244.2	107.4	109.5	111	101.1				
1947 July	193.3	704.6	222.9	300.7	199	222.4				
August	193.9	713.0	223.1	301.6	199	223.3				
September	195.2	721.7	224.2	303.1	202	226.7				
October	199.3	733.3	229.7	306.6	203	228.2				
November	202.7	738.8	231.5	305.1	204	232.9				
December	203.5	749.1	232.3	306.2	205	233.4				
1948 January	212.1	744.4	234.4	308.6	207					
February	216.7	743.0	234.3	309.0	209					
March	217.2	734.0	234.5	309.6	210					
April	219.3	726.3	234.0	309.0	213					
May	220.4	730.5	233.4	310.6	214					
June	222.1	739.1	233.1	313.3	216					

(a) First of month. (b) End of month. (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (d) July

(e) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	E U R O P E			FINLAND			DENMARK			ITALY			FRANCE			NETHERLANDS			IRELAND			PORTUGAL		
COUNTRY																								
AUTHORITY																								
No. of Commodities																								
Base Period																								
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1940	121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1941	136	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1942	152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1943	229	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944	858	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1945	2059	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1946	2883	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1947	5159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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1947 July	5779	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	5889	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	6202	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	6010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	5647	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	5526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1948 January	5373	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	5352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	5318	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	5240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	5184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	5142	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Annual averages, 1939-46, converted from indexes published in United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.
 (b) July, 1938 - June, 1939. (c) Monthly Average.

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CONTINENT	A S I A			O C E A N I A			A F R I C A	
	PALESTINE	INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT		
AUTHORITY	Official	Economic Adviser	Department of Statistics, Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics of Cairo(c)	
No. of Commodities	50	78	72	80	168	225	278	
Base Period	June, 1936	Sept. 38-Aug. 39	July, 1914	1936-39	1926-30	1913	1937	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	-	
1920	-	-	201	-	153.6	223.3	-	
1926	-	-	148	(c)	105.3	123.3	-	
1929	-	-	141	110.3	98.8	115.1	-	
1939	101.4	-	108	101.1	107.1	101.9	100	
1940	125.4	-	120	104.7	119.5	113.2	124	
1941	172.1	-	139	114.0	131.1	124.3	154	
1942	251.0	-	185	124.2	141.6	139.5	206	
1943	306.3	-	307	137.3	151.3	151.6	262	
1944	323.3	-	298	139.6	155.8	157.0	303	
1945	323.5	-	289	140.5	158.4	159.2	323	
1946	336.4	-	324	141.2	158.4	163.1	317	
1947	347.1	297	382	142.9	165.4	170.9	301	
1939 August	92.8	-	(a) 100	97.9	(b) 108.4	99.8(d)	-	
1947 July	346.4	298	374	148.1	162.3	171.5	293	
August	356.4	301	374	149.2	162.7	172.9	296	
September	364.2	302	393	150.9	168.8	174.3	302	
October	366.0	303	398	152.9	173.3	175.4	308	
November	356.5	302	406	156.2	177.4	176.0	309	
December	368.2	314	417	160.1	180.9	177.2	311	
1948 January	381.1	329	409	162.5	180.6	176.9	318	
February		342	374	163.9	182.8	176.5	328	
March		341	374	164.0	183.4	176.2	335	
April		348	389	164.1	185.3	176.9	337	
May		367	408	165.7	186.0	178.2	338	
June		382	413	166.3	186.6	186(f)	337	

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) July, 1939. (e) Source: United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics. (f) Calculated from increase shown by United Nations Bulletin.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA				EUROPE				MEXICO			
	CANADA				UNITED STATES				MEXICO			
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics				Bureau of Labor Statistics				Official			
	Cost of Living	Foods	Price Index (c)	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Price Index (c)	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	October, 1938	October, 1938	October, 1938	October, 1938	1939
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	79.9	79.9	70.7	-	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	168.8	168.8	143.0	-	-	-	-	-
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	126.4	-	-	-	-	-
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	132.5	132.5	122.5	-	-	-	-	-
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	95.2	95.2	99.4	104.4(d)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	96.5	96.5	100.2	-	100.7	100.7	100.7	97.9
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.2	128.2(d)	104.4	104.4	104.4	100.0
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	123.9	123.9	116.5	140.3	121.0	121.0	121.0	114.0
1943	118.4	130.7	123.6	138.0	138.0	138.0	123.6	149.1	158.5	158.5	158.5	146.6
1944	118.9	131.3	125.5	136.1	136.1	136.1	125.5	160.7	199.1	199.1	199.1	189.3
1945	119.5	133.0	128.4	139.1	139.1	139.1	128.4	160.4	213.5	213.5	213.5	204.1
1946	123.6	140.4	139.3	159.6	159.6	159.6	139.3	163.1	266.7	266.7	266.7	264.7
1947	135.5	159.5	159.2	193.8	193.8	193.8	159.2	172.0	300.3	300.3	300.3	303.0
1939 August	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(a)	-	-	-	-
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	93.5	93.5	98.6	-	-	-	-	-
1947 July	135.9	159.8	158.4	193.1	193.1	193.1	158.4	174.5	297.8	297.8	297.8	301.0
August	136.6	160.6	160.3	196.5	196.5	196.5	160.3	174.4	302.8	302.8	302.8	307.4
September	139.4	165.3	163.8	203.5	203.5	203.5	163.8	172.1	303.3	303.3	303.3	308.3
October	142.2	171.3	163.8	201.6	201.6	201.6	163.8	176.0	304.9	304.9	304.9	310.1
November	143.6	173.6	164.9	202.7	202.7	202.7	164.9	178.8	305.4	305.4	305.4	310.5
December	146.0	178.7	167.0	206.9	206.9	206.9	167.0	179.5	304.6	304.6	304.6	309.3
1948 January	148.3	182.2	168.8	209.7	209.7	209.7	168.8	181.6	306.4	306.4	306.4	309.9
February	150.1	186.1	167.5	204.7	204.7	204.7	167.5	182.1	311.7	311.7	311.7	312.8
March	150.8	185.9	166.9	202.3	202.3	202.3	166.9	184.1	313.1	313.1	313.1	313.0
April	151.6	186.8	169.3	207.9	207.9	207.9	169.3	185.1	313.4	313.4	313.4	313.3
May	153.3	191.2	170.5	210.9	210.9	210.9	170.5	183.0	314.2	314.2	314.2	314.5
June	154.3	193.9	171.7	214.1	214.1	214.1	171.7	181.9	314.5	314.5	314.5	314.8

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Since August, 1945, "Consumers' Price Index for Moderate-Income Families in Large Cities." (d) October.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	BULGARIA			DENMARK			FINLAND			SWEDEN		
	12	Towns	12	200	Localities	200	32	Towns	60	Towns	60	Towns
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1939	1939	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	293(a)
1926	-	-	108	-	-	-	119	-	-	-	-	158(a)
1929	-	-	101	-	-	-	123	-	-	-	(d)	149(a)
1939	100	100	109	-	-	-	111	112	108	115	108	115
1940	112	113	136	-	-	-	132	137	121	131	121	131
1941	135	143	157	-	-	-	155	162	138	149	138	149
1942	178	199	164	169	169	169	183	189	149	162	149	162
1943	226	268	166	167	167	167	206	211	152	160	152	160
1944	339	423	168	168	168	168	219	214	151	160	151	160
1945	509	641	170	170	170	170	307	334	151	158	151	158
1946	573	727	169	170	170	170	490	525	152	160	152	160
1947	637	827	173	177	177	177	636	769	156	169	156	169
1939 August	-	-	107(c)	108(c)	109	110	109	110	108(c)	114(c)	108(c)	114(c)
1947 July	645	847	174	178	648	786	648	786	-	-	-	-
August	631	819	-	-	661	805	661	805	-	-	-	-
September	619	795	-	-	672	809	672	809	-	-	158	172
October	640	833	175	179	689	829	689	829	-	-	-	-
November	666	861	-	-	751	946	751	946	-	-	-	-
December	669	863	-	-	784	994	784	994	158	172	158	172
1948 January	-	-	175	179	831	1037	831	1037	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	820	999	820	999	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	829	990	829	990	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	176	178	833	975	833	975	163	180	163	180
May	-	-	-	-	833	963	833	963	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	842	976	842	976	164	181	164	181

(a) July, 1914=100, prior to 1935. (b) Includes direct taxation. (c) July quarter, 1939.
(d) Without taxes.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	E U R O P E				ITALY			
	NETHERLANDS		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		NETHERLANDS		CZECHOSLOVAKIA	
	6				6			
	31 Towns				31 Towns			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
	1938	1938	July, 1938-June, 1939	March, 1939	1938	1938	1938	1938
1913	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
1920	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
1926	120.3	119.9	=	=	=	=	=	=
1929	96.8	96.1	=	=	=	=	=	=
1939	101.3	101.7	102	102	104.0	106.3	105(d)	102(d)
1940	118.2	122.3	117	120	128.1	128.3	122(d)	121(d)
1941	138.5	146.1	134	144	149.1	141.1	140(d)	146(d)
1942	=	=	143	157	161.8	145.0	158(d)	174(d)
1943	=	=	149	159	160.0	143.8	=	=
1944	152.3	154.7	153(e)	165(e)	160.9	145.2	=	=
1945	155.0	155.0	176(e)	169(e)	169.7	149.8	=	=
1946	158.9	156.9	192(e)	194(e)	308.6	319.3	=	=
1947	159.7	155.4	199	210(e)	295.0	296.2	3,929	5,562
1939 August	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(c)	(c)	=	=
	100.8	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
1947 July	160.5	157.3	200	217	286.5	296.1	4,179	5,919
August	159.2	155.8	197	209	282.8	285.9	4,567	6,553
September	158.1	154.1	199	214	284.7	289.7	4,565	6,521
October	157.4	152.3	197	210	284.3	287.4	4,459	6,348
November	157.3	152.0	198	210	286.3	290.8	4,396	6,193
December	157.5	152.3	202	=	288.6	295.5	4,224	5,916
1948 January	158.2	152.7	202	221	290.9	299.7	4,270	5,921
February	158.8	153.4	202	221	290.3	299.0	4,198	5,834
March	159.6	154.2	203	223	293.1	299.9	4,410	6,190
April	160.3	155.4	204	225	294.0	302.5	4,440	6,279
May	160.6	155.9			294.6	302.8	4,352	6,157
June	157.3	152.4			297.0	308.8	4,517	6,450
			(c) First week of month.	(d) Annual averages, June 1928 = 100.				

(a) Fifteenth of month. (b) End of month. (c) First week of month. (d) Annual averages, June, 1928 = 100,

converted to 1938 base. (e) Average of less than twelve months.

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COUNTRY	NATURE OF INDEX	PORTUGAL			ICELAND			SOUTHERN RHODESIA			SOUTH AFRICA			EGYPT		
		Cost of Living (b) Lisbon	Cost of Living (b) Reykjavik	Cost of Living (b) Jan. March, 1939	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 9 Towns
Base Period	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939	July, 1938-June, 1939

1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	101	103	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
1940	111	128	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136
1941	122	160	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189
1942	138	206	264	264	264	264	264	264	264	264	264	264	264	264	264	264
1943	154	256	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330
1944	172	268	334	334	334	334	334	334	334	334	334	334	334	334	334	334
1945	188	277	342	342	342	342	342	342	342	342	342	342	342	342	342	342
1946	208	293	361	361	361	361	361	361	361	361	361	361	361	361	361	361
1947	211	315	373	373	373	373	373	373	373	373	373	373	373	373	373	373
1939 August	(a)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
1947 July	203	310	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356
August	200	312	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356
September	210	312	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356
October	207	325	378	378	378	378	378	378	378	378	378	378	378	378	378	378
November	208	326	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379	379
December	208	328	382	382	382	382	382	382	382	382	382	382	382	382	382	382
January	211	319	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360
February	204	319	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360
March	196	320	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360
April	196	323	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355
May	193	320	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356
June	200	319	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356

(a) Middle of month. (b) Cost of food, fuel, light and soap. (c) First of month. (d) August. (e) June. (f) Average June-December. (g) Calculated from increase shown by United Nations Bulletin.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	ASIA			
	CHINA(a)	INDIA	PALESTINE	JAPAN(a)
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Shanghai	Cost of Living, Bombay	Cost of Living Arab Markets(c)	Cost of Living, 28 Towns Foods, 28 Towns
			Jewish Markets(d)	
Base Period	1937	July, 1933-June, 1934	January, 1942	August, 1946-March, 1947
1913	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-
1939	172	106	-	-
1940	360(b)	112	-	-
1941	-	124	-	-
1942	-	157	110	-
1943	-	230	134	-
1944	-	237	142	-
1945	24,978	235	150	-
1946	337,601	259	155	-
1947	3,078,000	279	165	182
1939 August	-	105	-	-
1947 July	2,725,000	274	164	223
August	3,066,000	284	166	213
September	3,767,000	299	170	207
October	5,397,000	296	170	208
November	5,866,000	287	166	220
December	7,444,000	285	167	255
1948 January	11,293,000	271	179	255
February	16,308,000	276	178	284
March	18,806,000	284		290
April	29,997,000	291		294
May	29,970,000	291		305
June	57,447,000			306

(a) Source: United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics. (b) January-November.

(c) Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa. (d) Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	O C E A N I A					CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA		
	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	JAMAICA	TRINIDAD	BRAZIL			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Kingston	Foods, Kingston	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living, Sao Paulo
Base Period	1913	1920	1926	1929	1939	1940	1941	1942
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	(b)	(b)	101.9(c)	-	-	-	-	-
1929	115.0	115.5	101.0(c)	-	-	-	-	-
1939	102.9	104.8	100.4(c)	-	-	-	-	-
1940	105.1	106.1	99.0(c)	-	-	-	-	-
1941	111.1	108.4	103.5(c)	120.5	123.7	129	100	100
1942	117.6	111.8	107.3(c)	135.2	133.1	140	105	107
1943	126.7	120.3	110.9(c)	152.2	144.4	159	116	121
1944	127.0	117.2	100.2	157.1	143.9	184	130	133
1945	127.0	117.9	100.3	159.1	139.2	195	150	153
1946	127.8	118.7	100.4	158.7	143.0	196	191	201
1947	130.9	120.8	100.8	164.9	154.2	204	232	245
1939 August	(a)	120.8	103.9	194.8	176.7	203	276	312
1947 July	103.4(f)	-	-	100.0	(d)	(e)	328	373
August	-	126.2	-	196.6	178.5	221	-	-
September	-	126.4	-	198.7	179.5	221	327	372
October	134.4	126.3	103.2	203.3	180.9	221	327	372
November	-	128.0	-	203.4	181.1	221	332	377
December	-	129.2	-	205.8	181.9	221	334	374
1948 January	137.7	133.5	108.5	206.3	181.8	225	330	368
February	-	134.0	-	207.2	185.1	226	355	411
March	-	136.8	-	210.9	190.7	226	356	413
April	140.7	137.6	110.3	214.9	192.6	226	358	425
May	-	138.1	-	215.3	193.3	226	-	-
June	-	140.3	-	218.0	192.6	226	364	434
Average of quarter.	144.1	143.6	111.0	246.4	245.9	227	262	262

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (c) Yearly averages prior to 1943 are on base 1926-30 = 100. (d) End of month. (e) First of month. (f) June, 1939.

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COUNTRY	ARGENTINA			COLOMBIA			CHILE			PERU		
	Buenos Aires			Bogota			Santiago			Lima		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Buenos Aires	Foods, Buenos Aires	Cost of Living, Bogota	Foods, Bogota	Cost of Living, Santiago	Foods, Santiago	Cost of Living, Santiago	Foods, Santiago	Cost of Living, Lima	Foods, Lima		
Base	1943	1943	1943	February, 1937	March, 1928	March, 1928	1928	March, 1928	1934-36	1934-36		
Period	(a)	(a)	(a)									
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100(b)	100(b)	100(b)	
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	210(b)	208(b)	208(b)	
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	201(b)	182(b)	182(b)	
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	177(b)	159(b)	159(b)	
1939	100.0	100.0	118.4	119.8	109	119	187	210	110	106	106	
1940	102.2(c)	100.6(c)	114.6	113.9	210	245	210	245	119	116	116	
1941	110.8(c)	104.6(c)	113.0	110.1	242	281	242	281	129	132	132	
1942	110.9	115.1	122.8	121.6	304	367	304	367	145	148	148	
1943	112.5(c)	116.8(c)	142.3	143.4	354	434	354	434	158	164	164	
1944	99.7	103.7	171.2(c)	182.1	395	465	395	465	181	187	187	
1945	119.4	119.5	190.6	204.5	430	495	430	495	202	209	209	
1946	140.5	144.2	208.3	219.5	499	576	499	576	221	225	225	
1947	159.5	165.3	246.2	263.2	666	772	666	772	285	312	312	
1939 August	-	-	115.8	116.7	186	206	186	206	-	-	-	
1947 July	162.3	161.1	252.5	273.6	676	783	676	783	280	301	301	
August	163.7	172.5	252.1	272.8	691	789	691	789	301	335	335	
September	163.9	172.8	249.9	268.3	700	804	700	804	311	354	354	
October	163.0	170.4	250.7	267.5	695	792	695	792	319	362	362	
November	164.5	171.5	254.2	267.6	710	827	710	827	338	397	397	
December	169.7	176.9	254.2	267.5	711	822	711	822	344	406	406	
1948 January	167.0	170.9	262.0	272.8	718	835	718	835	361	408	408	
February	166.5	169.7	266.5	280.0	734	844	734	844	363	411	411	
March	169.5	173.0	283.8	305.3	749	856	749	856	366	412	412	
April	-	-	-	-	761	863	761	863	367	412	412	
May	-	-	286.6	-	-	-	-	-	368	412	412	
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	370	413	413	

(a) New series. Years 1939-43 are on base, 1939 = 100.

(b) Years 1913-33 are on base 1913 = 100. Since October, 1933 index includes heating.

(c) Revised.

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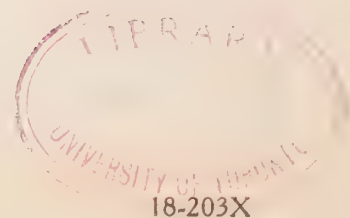
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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS
SECOND HALF OF 1948

Wholesale price index numbers continued to move upward in many countries during the second half of 1948, although peak levels in others appeared to have been reached or passed. Buyers' markets were developing in some of the major cereal products, and supply conditions eased also in a few other commodities such as rubber, tea, coffee and spices, towards the end of the year. Currency difficulties continued to have an adverse effect upon demand for commodities important in international trade.

The United States Bureau of Labor general wholesale index touched a post-war peak of 169.5 for August, but had receded to 162.3 for December, to show a net decrease from June to December of 2.3 p.c. Farm products paced the decline, followed by textiles and chemicals, although the metals and home furnishings groups continued upward. The Board of Trade wholesale price index for the United Kingdom averaged 0.6 p.c. lower in December than in June, although still 8.5 p.c. above December, 1947. Foods were down 3.4 p.c., and cotton 8.9 p.c., while non-ferrous metals and wool increased 12.4 p.c. and 4.9 p.c. respectively. The Canadian wholesale price index reached 159.7 for November, the highest level since August, 1927. This appeared to mark a turning point. The wholesale price index for Australia advanced 7.0 p.c. between June and December. In August, the Australian government announced the discontinuance of all subsidies except those on butter, tea and super-phosphates. The decision of New Zealand to restore the pound to parity with sterling was made public August 19, but the latest available price indexes showed little reaction to this move. The New Zealand pound has remained close to 1.25 to 1.00 pound sterling for more than fifteen years.

In France, the rate of increase in wholesale price levels was reduced to less than half that of the first six months of 1948. The rise of 16.6 p.c., while still high, compared with 38.9 p.c. for the preceding six months, and 34.6 p.c. for the second half of 1947. The index of wholesale prices in Italy was 10.8 p.c. higher in December than in June. This was a reversal of the trend in the first half of the year, when a decline of 6.9 p.c. occurred. Efforts of the Chinese Nationalist Government to stabilize the Yuan have not halted sharp price increases, and the index of wholesale prices for Shanghai, on the base August 19, 1948=100, stood at 3,583.7 for December.

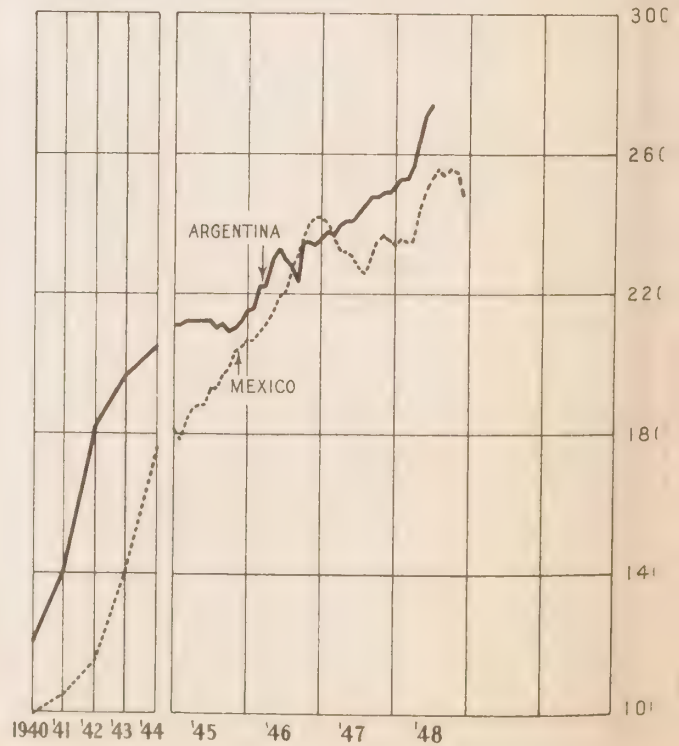
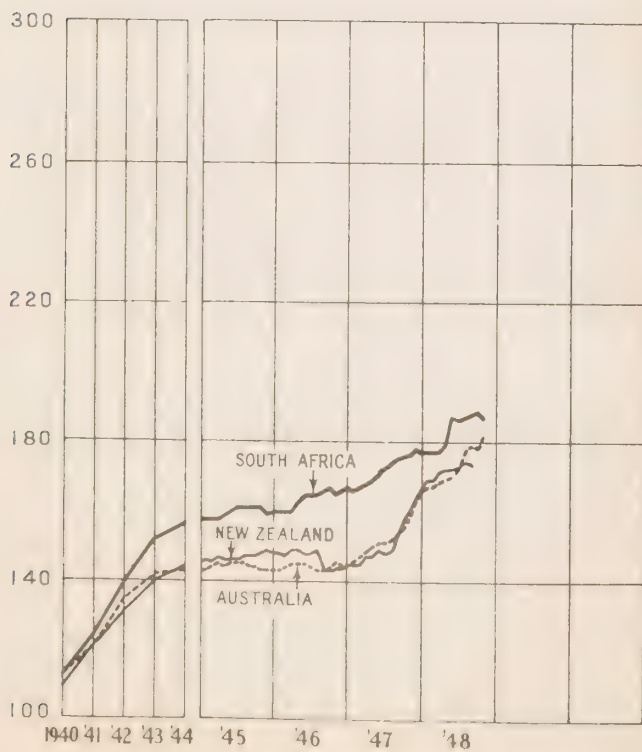
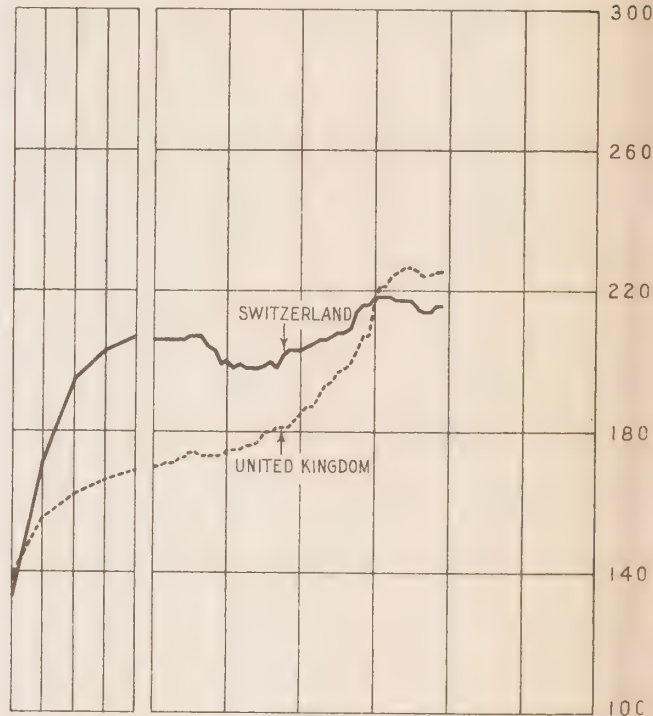
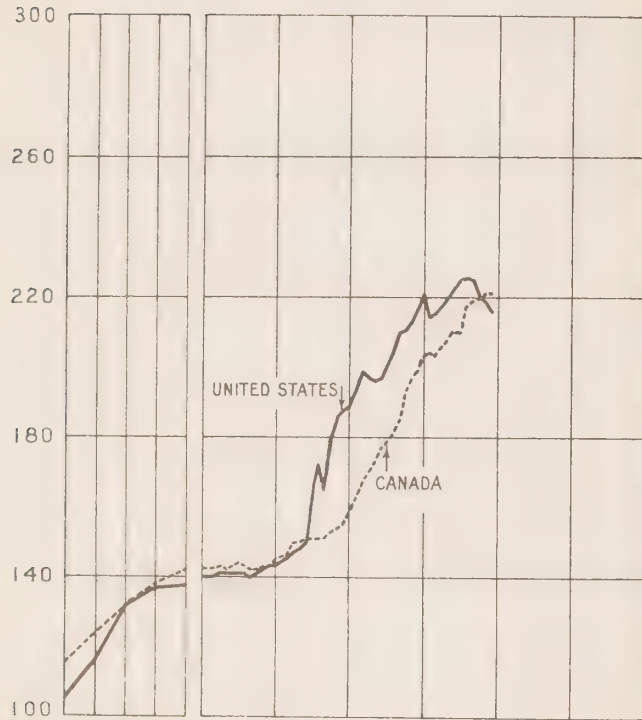
Declines in cost-of-living series ranging from 0.2 p.c. to 1.3 p.c. were shown by the United States, the United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia and Norway. The United States index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics recorded a decrease in October, and continued downward, showing a net decline for the six months of 0.2 p.c. In the United Kingdom, the cost-of-living index showed a drop for July. Part of the loss was regained later, but the December level was 0.9 p.c. below the June peak.

Cost-of-living advances for other countries, in many instances, were at less than half the rate shown for the second half of 1947. Increases, with a few exceptions, ranged within the limits of 1.0 p.c. and 4.0 p.c. The Netherlands index of living costs in six municipalities recorded a net gain of 3.4 p.c. between June and December; a rise of 4.0 p.c. in November and December followed the announcement of a 40 p.c. cut in food subsidies.

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

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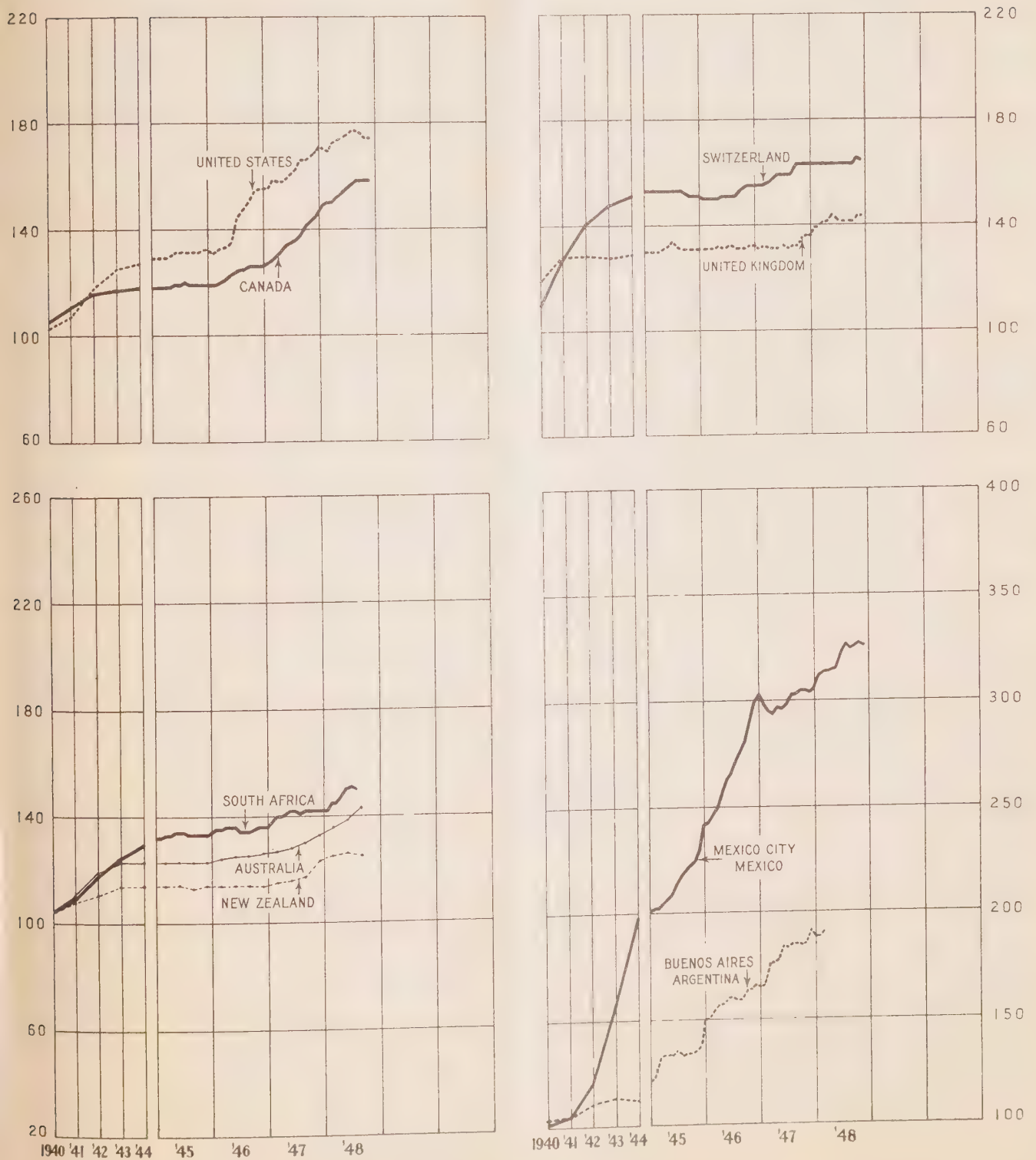
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

AUGUST, 1939 = 100

ALL INDEX NUMBERS CONVERTED FROM ORIGINAL BASE TO BASE AUGUST, 1939 = 100



CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1948

Country	Percentage Change Between -		
	June, 1948	December, 1947	August, 1939
	December, 1948	December 1948	December, 1948
Canada	+ 5.0	+ 11.1	+ 120.6
Czechoslovakia	+ 3.8	+ 6.2	+ 197.0
Denmark	+ 2.7	+ 8.7	+ 136.9
Finland	+ 0.2	+ 9.3	+ 843.6
France	+16.6	+ 62.0	+1832.4
India	+ 3.9	+ 1.7	+ 324.0
Italy	+10.8	+ 3.1	-
Mexico	- 0.2	+ 5.7	+ 148.3
Peru	+ 9.2	+ 17.8	-
Sweden	+ 0.5	+ 5.9	+ 95.5
Switzerland	- 0.7	- 0.4	+ 115.5
United Kingdom	- 0.6	+ 8.5	+ 125.1
United States	- 2.3	- 0.6	+ 116.4

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

SECOND HALF OF 1948

Country	Percentage Change Between -		
	June, 1948	December, 1947	August, 1939
	December, 1948	December, 1948	December, 1948
Australia	+ 4.9	+ 9.8	+ 46.2
Canada	+ 3.0	+ 8.8	+ 57.6
Czechoslovakia	- 1.0	+ 1.9	-
Finland	+ 3.2	+ 10.8	+ 697.2
Iceland	+ 2.2	- 0.6	+ 216.5
Mexico	+ 3.6	+ 6.9	-
Netherlands	+ 3.4	+ 5.9	-
Norway	- 1.3	- 0.1	+ 56.1
Peru	+ 5.7	+ 13.7	-
Southern Rhodesia	+ 1.4	+ 5.0	+ 47.0
Spain	+ 3.6	+ 4.0	+ 210.7
Sweden	+ 1.2	+ 5.1	+ 53.7
Switzerland	+ 0.4	+ 0.9	+ 64.2
United Kingdom	- 0.9	+ 4.8	-
United States	- 0.2	+ 2.6	+ 73.8

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY		N O R T H A M E R I C A					
		C A N A D A					
		Dominion Bureau of Statistics					
AUTHORITY	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Canadian Farm Products	
No. of Commodities	508(a)	206	365	212	296		
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	
1913	64.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	64.1	
1920	155.9	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	160.6	
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1929	95.6	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	100.0	
1939	75.4	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	64.3	
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	72.8	
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9	85.0	
1943	100.0	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	97.9	
1944	102.5	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6	107.1	
1945	103.6	98.1	100.7	105.6	94.0	114.9(r)	
1946	108.7	101.1	105.7	109.5	98.8	124.4(r)	
1947	129.1	117.3	129.3	130.7	117.4	132.7(r)	
1948	153.2	140.5	153.6	156.1	140.0	149.3	
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4	
1948 January	146.9	135.2	145.8	148.3	136.5	147.1(r)	
February	147.3	136.7	145.4	147.2	137.2	145.1(r)	
March	146.9	137.3	144.9	147.3	136.7	144.5(r)	
April	148.5	137.9	146.8	150.0	137.4	147.5(r)	
May	150.0	138.4	148.6	152.5	137.4	150.5(r)	
June	151.9	140.7	150.4	155.9	137.6	154.6(r)	
July	152.0	141.0	151.1	154.7	138.5	153.6	
August	157.8	143.1	160.9	162.6	143.2	151.2	
September	158.2	143.3	161.4	162.7	143.8	149.7	
October	159.2	143.9	162.1	163.9	143.8	149.2	
November	159.7	144.0	162.9	164.5	143.9	149.9	
December	159.5	144.3	162.6	163.6	144.0	148.9	

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.
 (r) Revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CENTRAL AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	CENTRAL AMERICA		SOUTH AMERICA	
	UNITED STATES	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	PERU
AUTHORITY	Bureau of Labor Statistics		Banco de	
	General Index	Farm Products Index	Official	Official
No. of Commodities	889(a)	67	32	58
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1934-36(b)
1913	69.8	71.5	75.5	100(b)
1920	154.4	150.7	-	239(b)
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	203(b)
1929	95.3	104.9	96.4	186(b)
1939	77.1	65.3	108.2	114
1941	87.3	82.4	145.1	152
1942	98.8	105.9	187.6	190
1943	103.1	122.6	202.4	219
1944	104.0	123.3	211.3	226
1945	105.8	128.2	217.3	236
1946	121.1	148.9	234.2	254
1947	152.1	181.2	250.0	342
1948	164.9	188.3	317.6	429
1939 August	(c)	(c)	(c)	-
1948 January	75.0	61.0	102.9	398
February	165.7	199.2	258.1	404
March	160.9	185.3	260.0	412
April	161.4	186.0	260.4	419
May	162.8	186.7	264.9	420
June	163.9	189.1	272.1	424
July	166.2	196.0	278.9	430
August	168.7	195.2	281.6	435
September	169.5	191.0		437
October	168.7	189.9		449
November	165.2	183.5		455
December	164.0	180.8		463
	162.3	177.3		

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.

(b) Years 1913-33 on base 1913=100.

(c) Monthly average.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	E U R O P E			CZECHOSLOVAKIA		SWEDEN		IRELAND	
	UNITED KINGDOM	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	Federal Labour Department	Official	Commerce Department	Official		
AUTHORITY	Board of Trade	Official							
No. of Commodities	200	109	78		69	160		220	
Base Period	1930	1913	July, 1914		March, 1939	1935(e)		Oct. 1938	
1913	-	100.0	-	-	-	100(e)	-		
1920	307.3(c)	223.4	-	-	-	359(e)	-		
1926	148.1(c)	174.8	144.5	-	-	149(e)	-		
1929	136.5(c)	167.7	141.2	(d)	(d)	140(e)	-		
1939	102.8	241.9	111.2	109.5	109.5	115	105.4		
1941	152.6	341.5	183.5	142.3	142.3	172	148.0		
1942	159.4	375.4	209.6	145.4	145.4	189	170.2		
1943	162.8	419.1	218.2	147.3	147.3	196	189.4		
1944	166.2	450.8	222.6	148.1	148.1	196	198.2		
1945	169.0	500.3	220.6	164.7	164.7	194	197.5		
1946	175.2	600.2	214.7	287.7	287.7	186	197.5		
1947	191.7	704.1	223.8	302.5	302.5	199	219.3		
1948	219.3		232.5	315.7	315.7	214			
			(b)	(a)	(a)				
1939 August	98.1	244.2	107.4	109.5	109.5	111	101.1		
1948 January	212.1	744.4	234.4	308.6	308.6	207	233.0		
February	216.7	743.0	234.3	309.0	309.0	209	233.5		
March	217.2	734.0	234.5	309.6	309.6	210	231.9		
April	219.3	726.3	234.0	309.0	309.0	213	234.2		
May	220.4	730.5	233.4	310.6	310.6	214	231.7		
June	222.1	739.9(r)	233.1	313.3	313.3	216	233.4		
July	221.8	746.4	232.4	319.9	319.9	215	232.2		
August	221.1	763.8	231.0	321.1	321.1	217	231.2		
September	220.0	772.6	229.9	321.9	321.9	217	230.4		
October	219.8	780.7	229.7	319.1	319.1	217	232.1		
November	220.5	784.0	232.0	321.1	321.1	217	231.8		
December	220.8		231.4	325.2	325.2	217			

(a) First of month. (b) End of month. (c) 1920=29, base 1913=100. (d) July

(e) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116.

(r) Revised

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY		ITALY	DENMARK	FINLAND	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	PORTUGAL
AUTHORITY		Official	Department of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistique Generale	Central Bureau of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Banco de Portugal
No. of Commodities		109	161	218	135	196	138	48
Base Period		1938	1935	1935	1938	1938-39(b)	1938	June, 1927
1913		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929		(a)	117	-	-	-	-	-
1939		105	108	108	-	-	97	104
1941		136	118	120	105	105	102	103
1942		152	203	197	171	150	163	153
1943		229	213	243	201	157	172	177
1944		858	214	276	234	160	175	221
1945		2059	217	305	265	164	177	248
1946		2883	213	438	375	181	177	241
1947		5159	210	686	648	251	169	236
1948		5443	232	825	989	271	175	248
		(c)	254	1090	1571	281		
1939 August			(c)	(c)				
1948 August			111	117	102	-	98	98
January		5373	242	1026	1463	279	180	238
February		5352	243	1033	1537	279	180	240
March		5318	244	1074	1536	279	180	238
April		5240	247	1079	1555	279	181	239
May		5184	253	1089	1653	279	181	240
June		5142	256	1102	1691	280	182	241
July		5139	258	1124	1698	279	182	247
August		5704	259	1118	1783	280	181	254
September		5769	259	1116	1791	279	181	252
October		5724	259	1110	1887	284	181	251
November		5674	259	1107	1977	289	182	
December		5696	263	1104	1971	291		

(a) Annual averages, 1939-46, converted from indexes published in United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.
 (b) July, 1938 - June, 1939. (c) Monthly Average.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	ASIA		OCEANIA		AFRICA	
	EUROPE	INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
COUNTRY	BELGIUM					
AUTHORITY	Official	Economic Adviser	Department of Statistics, Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Department of Statistics of Statistics Cairo(c)
					Office	
No. of	78	72	80	168	225	278
Commodities						
Base Period	1936-38 Sept.	38-Aug. 39 July, 1914	1936-39	1926-30	1913	1937
1913	=	=	=	=	100.0	=
1920	=	=	=	153.6	223.3	=
1926	=	=	(c)	105.3	123.3	=
1929	=	=	110.3	98.8	115.1	=
1939	=	=	101.1	107.1	101.9	100
1941	=	=	114.0	131.1	124.3	154
1942	=	=	124.2	141.6	139.5	206
1943	=	=	137.3	151.3	151.6	262
1944	=	=	139.6	155.8	157.0	303
1945	=	=	140.5	158.4	159.2	323
1946	=	=	141.2	158.4	163.1	317
1947	355	297	142.9	165.4	170.9	301
1948	389	368				329
1939 August	=	=	97.9	(b) 108.4	99.8(d)	=
1948 January	378	329	162.5	180.6	176.9	318
February	389	342	163.9	182.8	176.5	328
March	389	341	164.0	183.4	176.2	335
April	391	348	164.2(r)	185.3	176.9	337
May	391	367	165.8(r)	186.0	178.2	338
June	391	382	166.4(r)	186.6	185.3(r)	337
July	391	390	169.6	187.2	186.0	339
August	390	383	174.3	189.0	186.3	330
September	388	382	174.8	187.3	187.4	324
October	387	382	174.5		188.1	321
November	389	382	178.2		187.0	322
December	392	384				324

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) July, 1939. (e) Source: United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics. (r) Revised. (f) The series for Palestine has been deleted owing to the absence of current data.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

NORTH AMERICA

Country	CANADA			UNITED STATES			NEWFOUNDLAND		MEXICO	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics			Bureau of Labor Statistics						
	Cost of Living			Consumers' Price Index (c)			Official Cost of Living		Official Cost of Living	
	1935-39	1945-39	1945-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	October 1938	October 1938	1939	1939
Base Period	1935-39	1945-39	1945-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	October 1938	October 1938	1939	1939
1913	79.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1920	145.4	139.5	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4
1941	121.7	116.1	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2
1942	117.6	127.2	119.5	119.5	119.5	119.5	119.5	119.5	119.5	119.5
1943	118.4	130.7	123.6	123.6	123.6	123.6	123.6	123.6	123.6	123.6
1944	118.3	131.3	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5
1945	119.5	133.0	128.4	128.4	128.4	128.4	128.4	128.4	128.4	128.4
1946	123.6	140.4	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3
1947	135.5	159.5	152.2	152.2	152.2	152.2	152.2	152.2	152.2	152.2
1948	155.0	195.5	171.2	171.2	171.2	171.2	171.2	171.2	171.2	171.2
1939	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
August	100.8	99.3	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6
January	148.3	182.2	168.8	168.8	168.8	168.8	168.8	168.8	168.8	168.8
February	150.1	186.1	167.5	167.5	167.5	167.5	167.5	167.5	167.5	167.5
March	150.8	185.9	166.9	166.9	166.9	166.9	166.9	166.9	166.9	166.9
April	151.6	186.8	169.3	169.3	169.3	169.3	169.3	169.3	169.3	169.3
May	153.3	191.2	170.5	170.5	170.5	170.5	170.5	170.5	170.5	170.5
June	154.3	193.9	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7
July	156.9	201.3	173.7	173.7	173.7	173.7	173.7	173.7	173.7	173.7
August	157.5	202.6	174.5	174.5	174.5	174.5	174.5	174.5	174.5	174.5
September	158.9	203.9	174.5	174.5	174.5	174.5	174.5	174.5	174.5	174.5
October	159.6	205.4	173.6	173.6	173.6	173.6	173.6	173.6	173.6	173.6
November	159.6	204.7	172.2	172.2	172.2	172.2	172.2	172.2	172.2	172.2
December	158.9	202.0	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4

(a) First of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Since August 1945, "Consumers' Price Index for Moderate-Income Families in Large Cities". (d) October. (e) As this bulletin refers to a period prior to the entry of Newfoundland into Confederation with Canada, the St. John's index is still recorded separately.

CONTINENT
COUNTRY

(a) Middle of month, (b) Last week of month, (c) Annual averages are on base July, 1914 = 100.
(d) Retail prices of 29 articles included in the budget of a worker's family of four persons.

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INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	FINLAND				DENMARK				SWEDEN			
	Towns				Towns				Towns			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Food	Cost of Living	Food	Cost of Living	Food	Cost of Living	Food	Cost of Living	Food	Cost of Living	Food
Base Period	1936-38	1936-38	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935	1935
1913	(e)	-	(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	108	-	-	-	119	-	-	-	-	293(a)
1926	-	-	101	-	-	-	123	-	-	-	-	158(a)
1929	-	-	109	-	-	-	111	-	-	-	-	149(a)
1939	-	-	157	-	-	-	155	-	-	-	-	115
1941	-	-	164	-	169	162	183	112	(d)	108	138	149
1942	-	-	166	169	167	189	206	162	149	152	162	160
1943	-	-	168	168	170	211	219	160	152	151	160	160
1944	-	-	170	170	177	214	307	160	151	151	158	158
1945	-	-	169	170	177	334	490	160	152	152	160	160
1946	-	-	173	177	180	769	636	169	156	156	169	169
1947	-	-	177	180	108(c)	1016	856	182	165	165	182	182
1948	393	384	107(c)	108(c)	109	110	109	114(c)	108(c)	108(c)	114(c)	114(c)
1939 August	-	-	175	179	831	1037	831	-	-	-	-	-
1948 January	366	347	-	-	820	999	820	-	-	-	-	-
February	387	380	-	-	829	990	829	163	163	163	180	180
March	393	383	-	-	833	975	833	-	-	-	-	-
April	396	387	176	178	833	963	833	-	-	-	-	-
May	398	389	-	-	842	976	842	164	164	164	181	181
June	397	387	-	-	881	983	881	-	-	-	-	-
July	396	386	179	181	889	993	889	-	-	-	-	-
August	400	393	-	-	885	978	885	166	166	166	185	185
September	403	399	-	-	882	1124	882	-	-	-	-	-
October	396	387	179	180	876	1098	876	-	-	-	-	-
November	394	386	-	-	869	1075	869	166	166	166	183	183
December	395	387	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) July, 1914=100, prior to 1935. (b) Includes direct taxation. (c) July quarter, 1939.

(d) without taxes. (e) The series for Bulgaria has been deleted owing to the absence of current data.

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CONTINENT	E U R O P E					ITALY				
COUNTRY	NORWAY		NETHERLANDS		CZECHOSLOVAKIA					
	6									
Nature of Index	31 Towns		Municipalities		Prague		Rome			
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods		
Base Period	1938	1938	July, 1938-June, 1939	March, 1939	1938	1938	1938	1938		
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1926	120.3	119.9	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1929	96.8	96.1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1939	101.3	101.7	102	106.3	104.0	105(d)	102(d)	102(d)		
1941	138.5	146.1	144	141.1	149.1	140(d)	146(d)	146(d)		
1942	-	-	157	145.0	161.8	158(d)	174(d)	174(d)		
1943	-	-	159	143.8	160.0	-	-	-		
1944	152.3	154.7	165(e)	145.2	160.9	-	-	-		
1945	155.0	155.0	169(e)	149.8	169.7	-	-	-		
1946	158.9	156.9	192(e)	319.3	308.6	-	-	-		
1947	159.7	155.4	210(e)	296.2	295.0	3,929	5,562	5,562		
1948	158.6	151.5	228	295.0	291.8	-	-	-		
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(c)	-	-	-		
1939 August	100.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1948 January	158.2	152.7	221	299.7	290.9	4,270	5,921	5,921		
February	158.8	153.4	221	299.0	290.3	4,198	5,834	5,834		
March	159.6	154.2	223	299.9	293.1	4,410	6,190	6,190		
April	160.3	155.4	225	302.5	294.0	4,440	6,279	6,279		
May	160.6	155.9	225	302.8	294.6	4,352	6,157	6,157		
June	159.3	152.6	232	308.8	297.0	4,517	6,450	6,450		
July	159.2	152.8	231	300.3	293.1	4,265	6,005	6,005		
August	158.0	150.2	222	285.9	286.3	4,258	5,977	5,977		
September	157.5	148.1	229	283.9	285.5	4,260	5,975	5,975		
October	157.2	147.5	228	281.3	289.6	4,080	5,654	5,654		
November	157.1	147.3	239	286.7	292.5	4,089	5,640	5,640		
December	157.3	147.5	242	289.5	294.1	-	-	-		

(a) Fifteenth of month. (b) End of month. (c) First week of month. (d) Annual averages, June, 1928 = 100, converted to 1938 base. (e) Average of less than twelve months.

INDEX OF PRICES IN SWEDEN AND FINLAND FROM 1913 TO 1948

SUBJECT

COUNTRY	INDEX	SWEDEN				FINLAND			
		Cost of Living, Lisbon	Cost of Living, Reykjavik	Cost of Living, Stockholm	Cost of Living, 9 Towns	Cost of Living, 9 Towns	Cost of Living, 9 Towns	Cost of Living, 9 Towns	Cost of Living, 9 Towns
Base period	July, 1938- June, 1939	July, 1938- June, 1939	Jan.-March 1939	August 25, 1939	August 1939	August 1939	1938	1938	June-August, 1939
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1941	101	103	104	-	-	-	145.8	166.0	-
1942	122	160	189	-	-	-	106.3	109.6	125
1943	138	206	264	-	-	-	106.6	107.2	118
1944	154	256	330	-	-	-	99.9	99.3	103 (f)
1945	172	268	334	-	-	-	108.2	109.9	138
1946	188	277	342	-	-	-	117.3	121.1	184
1947	208	293	361	-	-	-	124.4	131.6	242
1948	211	315	373	-	-	-	128.8	137.4	279
	-	322	360	-	-	-	132.2	140.6	293
	(a)	(c)	(c)	-	-	-	134.1	144.1	287
1939 August	-	103	104	-	-	-	139.7	152.0	279
1948 January	211	319	360	-	-	-	99.3	97.7	-
February	204	319	360	507.1	761.8	100	141.8	154.4	281
March	196	320	360	523.9	795.1	158	142.4	155.5	281
April	196	323	355	513.4	770.2	162	144.5	157.0	283
May	193	320	356	516.0	777.6	163	145.1	157.2	282
June	200	319	356	523.5	788.4	165	146.7	159.2	281
July	202	320	359	490.8	706.8	166	148.5 (r)	161.3 (r)	281
August	209	321	359	472.4	636.9	162	150.1	154.3	280
September	211	322	365	455.0	617.6	157	149.4	153.6	280
October	213	324	365	435.0	566.7	161	151.2	158.8	280
November	-	325	364	453.4	600.2	162	151.3	159.2	279
December	-	326	364	457.0	610.7	164	151.3	157.6	-
				455.3	605.5	167	-	-	-

(a) Middle of month, (b) Cost of food, fuel, light and soap, (c) First of month, (d) August, (e) June
 (f) Average June-December. (r) Revised.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	ASIA			JAPAN (a)		
	CHINA (a)		INDIA	JAPAN (a)		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Shanghai	Cost of Living, Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living, 28 Towns	Foods, 28 Towns	
Base Period	1937	July, 1933-June, 1934	August, 1946-March, 1947			
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	172	106	114	-	-	-
1941	-	124	140	-	-	-
1942	-	157	180	-	-	-
1943	-	230	253	-	-	-
1944	-	237	-	-	-	-
1945	24,978	235	271	-	-	-
1946	337,601	259	317	-	-	-
1947	3,078,000	279	344	191	182	-
1948	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939 August	-	105	112	-	-	-
1948 January	11,293,000	271	322	286	255	-
February	16,308,000	276	323	302	284	-
March	18,806,000	284	326	310	290	-
April	29,997,000	291	330	322	294	-
May	29,970,000	292(r)	328	329	305	-
June	57,447,000	307	352	344	306	-
July	159,022,000	312	351	395	352	-
August	317,152,000	321	365	420	365	-
September	107(e)	323	370	418	352	-
October	128	315	-	406	330	-
November	1,903	317	-	433	360	-
December	2,145	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Source: United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics. (b) January-November.

(c) Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa. (d) Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. (e) New series, Base August 19, 1948=100

(r) Revised. (f) The series for Palestine dropped owing to absence of current data.

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C O L U M B I A

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

COUNTRY	AUSTRALIA			NEW ZEALAND		JAMAICA		TRINIDAD		BRAZIL	
	Cost of Living, 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries, 6 Capital Cities	July 1936-June 1939	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Kingston	Foods, Kingston	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods, Sao Paulo	Cost of Living, Sao Paulo
Base Period	July 1936-June 1939	December 1942	August, 1939				1935	1935	1939	1939	1939
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	(b)	(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	115.0	115.5	101.9(c)	101.0(c)	152.2	144.4	159	154(h)	116	121	121
1939	102.9	104.8	100.4(c)	99.0(c)	157.1	143.9	184	191(h)	130	133	133
1941	111.1	108.4	107.3(c)	107.3(c)	159.1	139.2	195	205	150	153	153
1942	117.6	111.8	110.9(c)	110.9(c)	158.7	143.0	196	208	191	201	201
1943	126.7	120.3	100.2	100.2	164.9	154.2	204	223	232	245	245
1944	127.0	117.2	100.3	100.3	194.8	176.7	203	252	276	312	312
1945	127.0	117.9	100.4	100.4	235.0	222.1	226	(e)	328	373	373
1946	127.8	118.7	100.8	100.8	(d)	(d)	(e)	(e)	-	-	-
1947	130.9	120.8	103.9	103.9	100.0	100.0	108	-	-	-	-
1948	139.2	143.7	(a)	(a)	207.2	185.1	226	260	355	411	411
1939 August	103.4(f)	-	-	-	210.9	190.7	226	260	356	413	413
1948 January	-	134.0	-	-	214.9	192.6	226	260	358	425	425
February	-	136.8	-	-	215.3	193.3	226	260	365	435	435
March	140.7	137.6	110.3	-	218.0	192.6	226	260	364	434	434
April	-	138.1	-	-	246.4	245.9	227	262	373	448	448
May	-	140.3	-	-	249.7	246.3	227	262	373	449	449
June	144.1	143.6	111.0	-	252.4	245.5	227	262	369	442	442
July	-	145.1	-	-	248.9	240.5	227	262	375	448	448
August	-	145.5	-	-	252.7	247.4	227	-	-	-	-
September	147.9	146.7	109.8	-	251.6	242.8	226	260	-	-	-
October	-	150.1	-	-	251.8	242.1	227	260	-	-	-
November	-	152.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	151.2	154.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (c) Yearly averages prior to 1943 are on base 1926-30 = 100.

(d) End of month. (e) First of month. (f) June, 1939. (h) July

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA				CHILE				PERU			
	ARGENTINA				COLOMBIA							
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Buenos Aires		Foods, Buenos Aires		Cost of Living, Bogota		Foods, Bogota		Cost of Living, Santiago		Foods, Santiago	
	1943 (a)	1943 (a)	1943 (a)	1943 (a)	February, 1937	February, 1937	March, 1928	March, 1928	1934-36	1934-36	1934-36	1934-36
Base												
Period												
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100(b)	100(b)	-	100(b)
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	210(b)	210(b)	-	208(b)
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	201(b)	201(b)	-	182(b)
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	119	119	177(b)	177(b)	-	159(b)
1939	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	118.4	119.8	187	210	110	110	-	106
1941	110.8	104.6	104.6	104.6	113.0	110.1	242	281	129	129	-	132
1942	110.9	115.1	115.1	115.1	122.8	121.6	304	367	145	145	-	148
1943	112.5	116.8	116.8	116.8	142.3	143.4	354	434	158	158	-	164
1944	99.7	103.7	103.7	103.7	171.2	182.1	395	465	181	181	-	187
1945	119.4	119.5	119.5	119.5	190.6	204.5	430	495	202	202	-	209
1946	140.5	144.2	144.2	144.2	208.3	219.5	499	576	221	221	-	225
1947	159.5	165.3	165.3	165.3	246.2	263.2	666	772	285	285	-	312
1948	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	374	374	-	418
1939 August	-	-	-	-	115.8	116.7	186	206	-	-	-	-
1948 January	167.0	170.9	170.9	170.9	262.0	272.8	718	835	361	361	-	408
February	166.5	169.7	169.7	169.7	266.5	280.0	734	844	363	363	-	411
March	169.5	173.0	173.0	173.0	283.8	305.3	749	856	366	366	-	412
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	761	863	367	367	-	412
May	-	-	-	-	286.6	306.4	764	865	368	368	-	412
June	-	-	-	-	292.6	315.0	770	880	370	370	-	413
July	-	-	-	-	294.6	316.4	788	911	372	372	-	414
August	-	-	-	-	292.3	308.0	811	934	377	377	-	417
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	838	957	379	379	-	420
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	836	954	383	383	-	428
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	387	387	-	433
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	391	391	-	439

(a) New series. Years 1939-43 are on base, 1939 = 100.

(b) Years 1913-33 are on base 1913 = 100. Since October, 1933 index includes heating.

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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1949

Living costs moved higher in most countries during the first half of 1949, but, with a few exceptions, advances were not over 5 p.c. Improved supplies of certain commodities permitted the decreasing or discontinuance of subsidies in some countries, and, as was to be expected, a number of prices reacted buoyantly. Exchange difficulties still plagued world markets, although further attempts were made to lower barriers and promote a better balance of trade between countries.

The Consumers' Price Index of the United States moved within narrow limits to show a net decline of 1 p.c. for the six months. Foods were little changed, but sizeable reductions occurred in clothing and house-furnishings. The cost of living index for the United Kingdom rose by 1 p.c. in the same interval. Subsidy payments on some important articles of food were reduced, and the rationing of clothing and all kinds of textiles ended March 15. Living costs were 1 p.c. higher in Canada, with increases fairly wide-spread, while in Australia and South Africa they were up by 5 p.c. and 3 p.c. respectively.

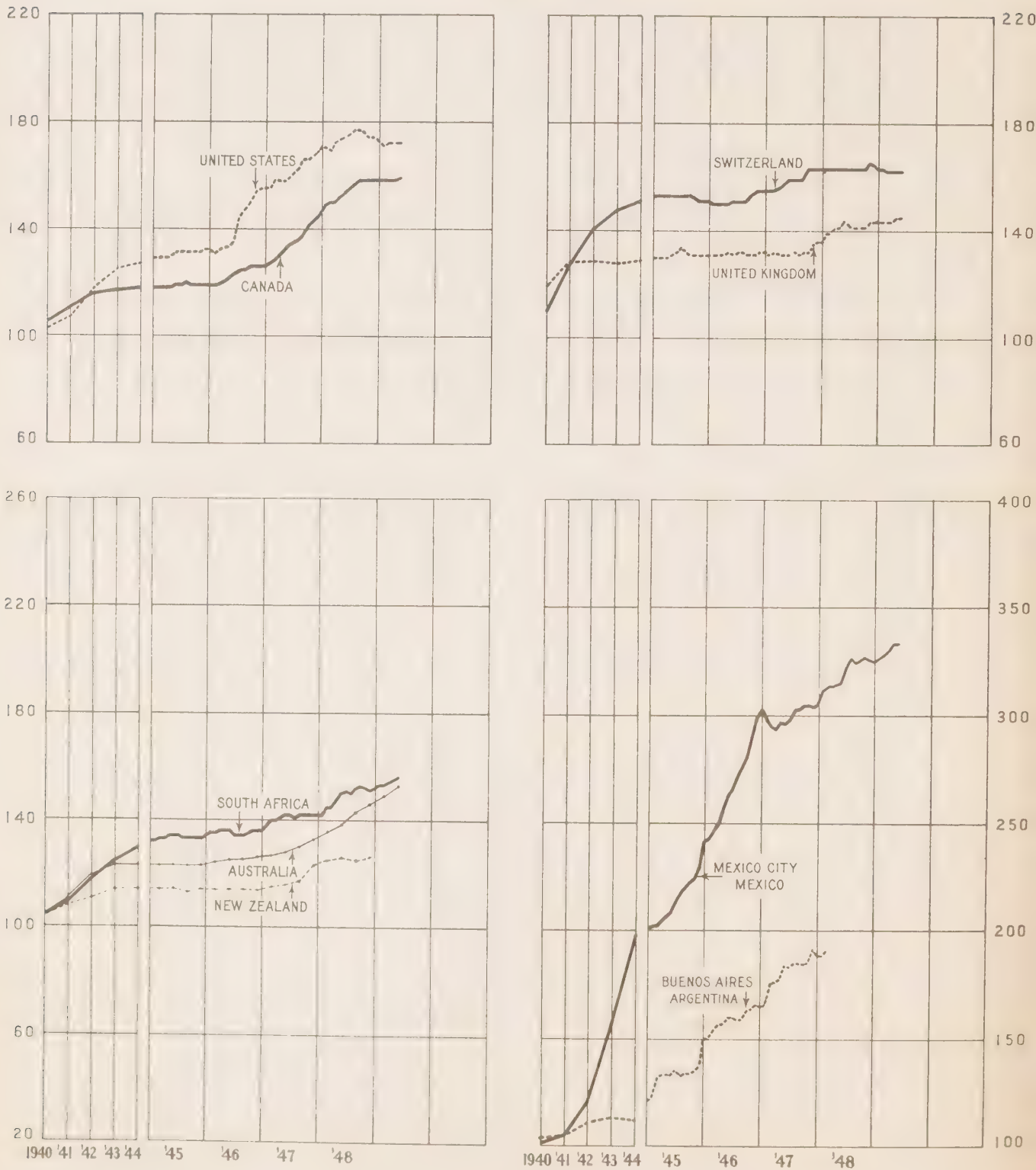
Consumer prices in France appear to have passed their peak. In January, a high point was touched by the Index of Retail Prices in Paris, but, by June, it had dropped by slightly over 10 p.c.

At wholesale price levels, reductions predominated, and declines were shown in indexes of wholesale prices ranging up to 8 p.c. for France. The index for Italy declined 7 p.c., Belgium 7 p.c., Switzerland and the United States 5 p.c. and Canada 2 p.c., to mention a few. All groups included in the United States index moved lower, as chemicals and drugs led the way with a 10 p.c. decrease. Among the countries in which wholesale prices advanced, Peru was well to the fore with an increase of over 32 p.c. Chile rose 8 p.c., and the United Kingdom 5 p.c., Mexico 4 p.c., South Africa 4 p.c. and Australia 2 p.c. In the United Kingdom, the index remained fairly steady through March, but mounted sharply in April, and again in May. A fractional increase in June established a high for this index, on the base 1930=100. The impetus was provided by sharply increased prices for foods, iron and steel.

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

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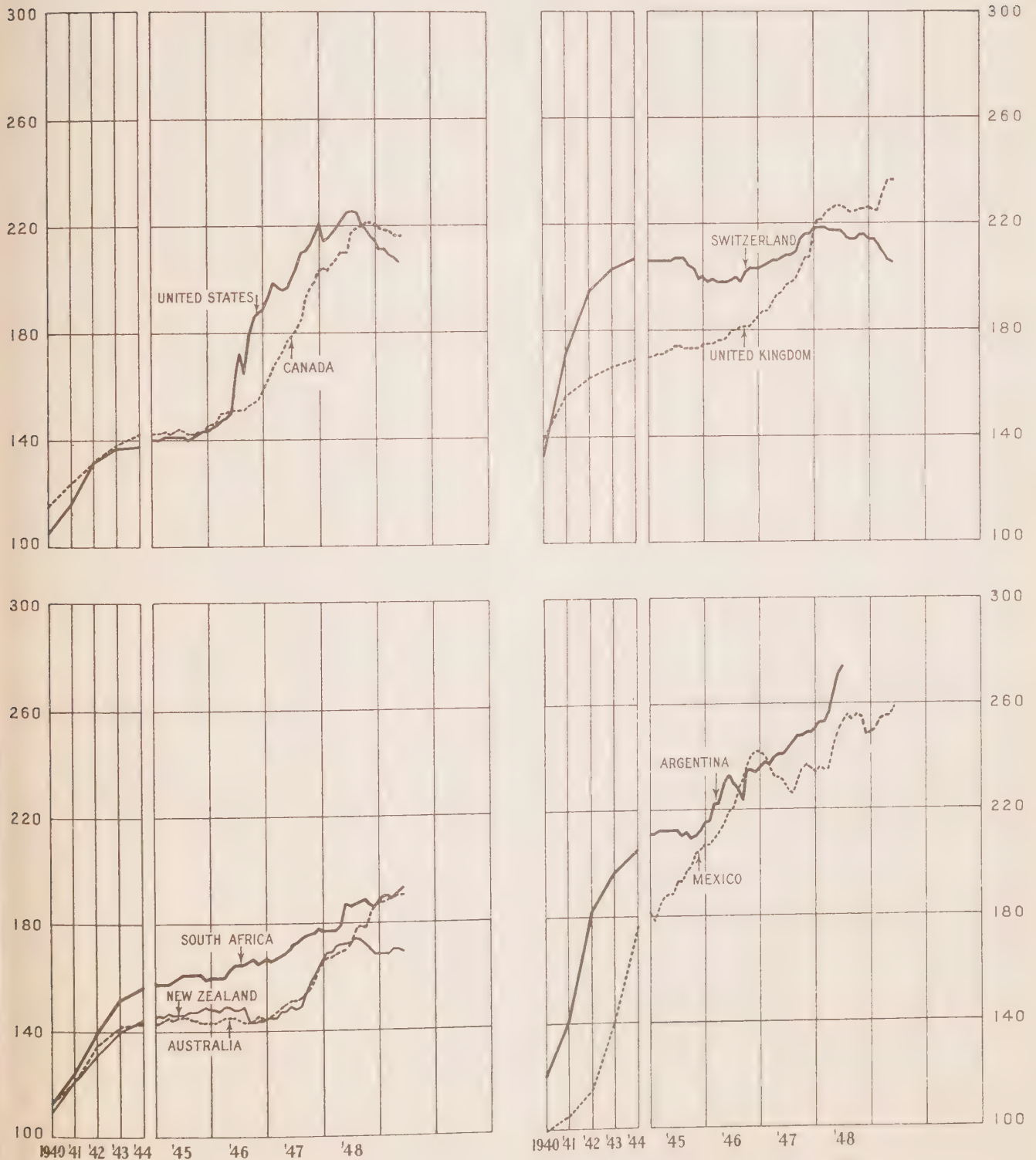
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

AUGUST, 1939 = 100

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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1949

Changes in Cost-of-Living Index Numbers
First Half of 1949

Country	Percentage Changes Between		
	August, 1939 June, 1949	June, 1948 June, 1949	December, 1948 June, 1949
Australia	+ 53	+ 10	+ 5
Canada	+ 59	+ 4	+ 1
Chile	+ 402	+ 21	+ 12
Denmark	+ 69	+ 3	+ 1
Finland	+ 684	+ 2	+ 2
France	+ 1,498	+ 13	- 10
Iceland	+ 217	+ 2	+ 0
Netherlands	+ 123	+ 8	+ 4
Norway	+ 57	+ 0	+ 1
Peru	+ 280	+ 15	+ 9
Portugal	+ 110	+ 5	- 1
South Africa	+ 57	+ 4	+ 3
Spain	+ 217	+ 6	+ 2
Sweden	+ 64	+ 2	+ 0
Switzerland	+ 62	- 1	- 1
United Kingdom	+ 45	+ 1	+ 1
United States	+ 72	- 1	- 1

Changes in Wholesale Price Index Numbers
First Half of 1949

Country	Percentage Changes Between		
	August, 1939 June, 1949	June, 1948 June, 1949	December, 1948 June, 1949
Australia	+ 90	+ 12	+ 2
Canada	+ 116	+ 3	- 2
Chile	+ 335	+ 14	+ 8
Denmark	+ 133	+ 1	- 2
France	+ 1,676	+ 7	- 8
India	+ 272	- 1	- 2
Mexico	+ 158	+ 4	+ 4
New Zealand	+ 69	- 1	+ 1
Norway	+ 87	+ 0	+ 0
Peru	+ 445	+ 45	+ 32
South Africa	+ 93	+ 4	+ 4
Sweden	+ 95	+ 0	+ 0
Switzerland	+ 106	- 6	- 5
United Kingdom	+ 137	+ 5	+ 5
United States	+ 106	- 7	- 5

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COUNTRY	ARGENTINA		AUSTRALIA		BELGIUM		BRAZIL	
NATURE OF INDEX	Buenos Aires		6 Capital Cities		Belgium		Sao Paulo	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Food and Groceries	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1943 (b)	1943 (b)	July 1936	June 1939	1936-38		1939	1939
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	(c)	(c)	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	115.0	115.5	-	-	-	-
1939	100.0	100.0	102.9	104.8	-	-	100	100
1941	110.8	104.6	111.1	108.4	-	-	116	121
1942	110.9	115.1	117.6	111.8	-	-	130	133
1943	112.5	116.8	126.7	120.3	-	-	150	153
1944	99.7	103.7	127.0	117.2	-	-	191	201
1945	119.4	119.5	127.0	117.9	-	-	232	245
1946	140.5	144.2	127.8	118.7	-	-	276	312
1947	159.5	165.3	130.9	120.8	-	-	328	373
1948			139.2	143.7	393	384	361	425
			(d)					
1939 - Aug.	-	-	103.4(e)	-	-	-	-	-
1948 - Jan.	167.0	170.9	-	134.0	366	347	355	411
Feb.	166.5	169.7	-	136.8	387	380	356	413
Mar.	169.5	173.0	140.7	137.6	343	383	359	425
Apr.			-	138.1	396	387	365	435
May			-	140.3	398	389	364	434
June			144.1	143.6	397	387	373	448
July			-	145.1	396	386	373	449
Aug.			-	145.5	400	393	369	442
Sept.			147.9	146.7	403	399	375	448
Oct.			-	150.1	396	387	352	406
Nov.			-	152.1	394	386	347	397
Dec.			151.2	154.5	395	387	344	392
1949 - Jan.			-	154.8	393	384	349	396
Feb.			-	155.9	388	375	358	409
Mar.			153.8	156.4	382	366	357	407
Apr.			-	158.2	380	362		
May			-	158.9	379	359		
June			158.2	159.4	381	364		

(b) New series. Years 1939-43 are on base 1939=100.

(c) Each yearly index is for the period from July of the preceding year to June of the year specified.

(d) Average of quarter.

(e) June, 1939.

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COUNTRY	CANADA		CHILE		COLOMBIA		CZECHOSLOVAKIA	
NATURE OF INDEX	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Santiago		Bagota		Prague	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	March, 1928		February, 1937		March, 1939	
1913	79.1	89.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	121.8	133.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	121.7	134.7	109	119	-	-	-	-
1939	101.5	100.6	187	210	118.4	119.8	104.0	106.3
1941	111.7	116.1	242	281	113.0	110.1	149.1	141.1
1942	117.0	127.2	304	367	122.8	121.6	161.8	145.0
1943	118.4	130.7	354	434	142.3	143.4	160.0	143.8
1944	118.9	131.3	395	465	171.2	182.1	160.9	145.2
1945	119.5	133.0	430	495	190.6	204.5	169.7	149.8
1946	123.6	140.4	499	576	208.3	219.5	308.6	319.3
1947	135.5	159.5	666	772	246.2	263.2	295.0	296.2
1948	155.0	195.5	786	898	286.6(b)	303.0(b)	291.8	295.0
	(a)	(a)					(c)	(c)
1939 - Aug.	100.8	99.3	186	206	115.8	116.7	-	-
1948 - Jan.	148.3	182.2	718	835	262.0	272.8	290.9	299.7
Feb.	150.1	186.1	734	844	266.5	280.0	290.3	299.0
Mar.	150.8	185.9	749	856	283.8	305.3	293.1	299.9
Apr.	151.6	186.8	761	864	-	-	294.0	302.5
May	153.3	191.2	764	865	286.6	306.4	294.6	302.8
June	154.3	193.9	770	880	292.6	315.0	297.0	308.8
July	156.9	201.3	788	911	294.6	316.4	293.1	300.3
Aug.	157.5	202.6	811	934	292.3	308.0	286.3	285.9
Sept.	158.9	203.9	838	957	290.4	308.8	285.5	283.9
Oct.	159.6	205.4	836	954	292.0	305.1	289.6	281.3
Nov.	159.6	204.7	831	947	293.3	304.0	292.5	286.7
Dec.	158.9	202.0	830	932	298.9	311.3	294.1	289.5
1949 - Jan.	159.6	202.2	852	968	299.2	310.3		
Feb.	159.5	200.4	858	972	301.9	313.4		
Mar.	159.2	199.1	869	987				
Apr.	159.3	198.5	911	989				
May	159.5	199.5	922	1,001				
June	160.5	202.9	932	1,023				

(a) First of month

(b) Average of eleven months

(c) First week of month

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COUNTRY	DENMARK		EGYPT		FINLAND		FRANCE
NATURE	200 Localities		Cairo		32 Towns		Paris
OF INDEX	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Foods (b)
Base Period	1935		June-Aug. 1939		1935		1938
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	(d)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	108	-	125	148	119	-	-
1929	101	-	118	133	123	-	-
1939	109	-	103(a)	101(a)	111	112	108
1941	157	169	138	131	155	162	149
1942	164	169	184	177	183	189	174
1943	166	167	242	-	206	211	224
1944	168	168	279	277	219	214	275
1945	170	170	293	287	307	334	377
1946	169	170	287	275	490	525	645
1947	173	177	279	271	636	769	1,043
1948	177	180	281	271	852	1,016	1,662
1939 - Aug.	107(c)	108(c)	-	-	109	110	108
1948 - Jan.	175	179	281	271	831	1,037	1,437
Feb.	-	-	281	269	820	999	1,541
Mar.	-	-	283	272	829	990	1,518
Apr.	176	178	282	270	833	975	1,524
May	-	-	281	269	833	963	1,541
June	-	-	281	270	842	976	1,560
July	179	181	280	267	881	983	1,559
Aug.	-	-	280	268	889	993	1,716
Sept.	-	-	280	270	885	978	1,842
Oct.	179	180	279	270	882	1,124	1,904
Nov.	-	-	280	276	876	1,098	1,873
Dec.	-	-	282	282	869	1,075	1,924
1949 - Jan.	181	181	280		866	1,057	1,932
Feb.	-	-	280		850	1,023	1,845
Mar.	-	-	280		841	1,003	1,759
Apr.	181	180	279		843	999	1,738
May	-	-	276		844	984	1,725
June	-	-			855	992	1,715

(a) Average June - December.

(b) Retail prices of 29 articles included in the budget of a worker's family of four persons.

(c) July quarter, 1939.

(d) Includes direct taxation.

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COUNTRY	HUNGARY		ICELAND		INDIA		IRELAND	
NATURE	Hungary		Reykjavik		Bombay		120 Towns and Localities	
OF INDEX	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Food
Base Period	August, 26 1939		Jan-March, 1939		July, 1933-June, 1934		August, 1947	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	(b)	(b)
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	185	179
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	176	169
1939	-	-	103	104	106	114	178	163
1941	-	-	160	189	124	140	226	202
1942	-	-	206	264	157	180	250	225
1943	-	-	256	330	230	253	282	247
1944	-	-	268	334	237	-	295	262
1945	-	-	277	342	235	271	295	263
1946	-	-	293	361	259	317	291	263
1947	462.1	632.7	315	373	279	344	-	-
1948	482.7	686.5	322	360	303	348	99	98
			(a)	(a)				
1939 - Aug.	-	-	103	104	105	112	-	-
							(c)	(c)
1948 - Jan.	507.1	761.8	319	360	271	322	-	-
Feb.	523.9	795.6	319	360	276	323	99	97
Mar.	513.4	770.2	320	360	284	326	-	-
Apr.	516.0	777.6	323	355	291	330	-	-
May	523.5	788.4	320	356	292	328	100	100
June	490.8	706.8	319	356	307	352	-	-
July	462.4	636.9	320	359	312	351	-	-
Aug.	455.0	617.6	321	359	321	365	99	98
Sept.	435.0	566.7	322	365	323	370	-	-
Oct.	453.4	600.2	324	365	315	362	-	-
Nov.	437.0	610.7	325	364	317	363	99	97
Dec.	455.3	608.5	326	364	326	382	-	-
1949 - Jan.	450.9	597.6	326	364	316		-	-
Feb.	439.5	569.2	329	366	307		99	97
Mar.			328	360	311		-	-
Apr.			327	359	305		-	-
May			327	359	306		99	97
June			326	357				

(a) First of month.

(b) Annual averages 1926-1946 are on the base July, 1914=100.

(c) Middle of month.

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COUNTRY	ITALY		JAMAICA		JAPAN (c)		MEXICO	
NATURE	Rome		Kingston		28 Towns		Mexico	
OF	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
INDEX								
Base Period	1938		August, 1939		August, 1946 - March, 1947		1939	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	105(b)	102(b)	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
1941	140(b)	146(b)	135.2	133.1	-	-	104.4	100.0
1942	158(b)	174(b)	152.2	144.4	-	-	121.0	114.0
1943	-	-	157.1	143.9	-	-	158.5	146.6
1944	-	-	159.1	139.2	-	-	199.1	189.3
1945	-	-	158.7	143.0	-	-	213.5	204.1
1946	-	-	164.9	154.2	-	-	266.7	264.7
1947	3,929	5,562	194.8	176.7	191	182	300.3	303.0
1948	4,281	5,996	235.0	222.1	369	323	318.9	319.4
			(a)	(a)				
1939 - Aug.	-	-	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-
1948 - Jan.	4,270	5,921	207.2	185.1	286	255	306.4	309.9
Feb.	4,198	5,834	210.9	190.7	302	284	311.7	312.8
Mar.	4,410	6,190	214.9	192.6	310	290	313.1	313.0
Apr.	4,440	6,279	215.3	193.3	322	294	313.4	313.3
May	4,352	6,157	218.0	192.6	329	305	314.2	314.5
June	4,517	6,450	246.4	245.9	344	306	314.5	314.8
July	4,265	6,005	249.7	246.3	395	352	322.3	324.8
Aug.	4,258	5,977	252.4	245.5	420	365	327.4	328.6
Sept.	4,260	5,975	248.9	240.5	418	352	325.0	324.6
Oct.	4,080	5,654	252.7	247.4	406	330	325.6	325.2
Nov.	4,089	5,640	251.6	242.8	433	360	327.1	326.6
Dec.	4,231	5,866	251.8	242.1	457	386	325.7	324.7
1949 - Jan.	4,267	5,888	247.3	236.0	475	395	324.9	322.9
Feb.	4,325	5,926			466	387	325.9	324.0
Mar.	4,310	5,891	248.5	233.9	468	391	327.9	326.3
Apr.	4,342	5,893	246.1	229.6	489	410	329.6	328.0
May	4,369	5,947	245.4	238.7	493	415	333.0	330.4
June	4,326	5,833	244.0	236.6	511	437	333.3	331.8

(a) End of month.

(b) Annual average June 1926=100 converted to 1938 base.

(c) Source: United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

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COUNTRY	NETHERLANDS		NEWFOUNDLAND	NEW ZEALAND	NORWAY	
NATURE	6		St. John's	25	31	
OF	Municipalities			Towns	Towns	
INDEX	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	July, 1938 - June, 1939		October, 1938	December, 1942		1938
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	101.9(c)	-	-
1929	-	-	-	101.0(c)	120.3	119.9
1939	102	102	104.4(a)	100.4(c)	96.8	96.1
1941	134	144	128.2(a)	99.0(c)	101.3	101.7
1942	143	157	140.3	107.3(c)	138.5	146.1
1943	149	159	149.1	110.9(c)	-	-
1944	153(e)	165(e)	160.7	100.2	-	-
1945	176(e)	169(e)	160.4	100.3	152.3	154.7
1946	192(e)	194(e)	163.1	100.4	155.0	155.0
1947	199	210(e)	172.0	100.8	158.9	156.9
1948	206	228	184.4	103.9	159.7	155.4
	(f)	(f)	(b)	110.5	158.6	151.5
1939 - Aug.	-	-	-	-	(d)	(d)
1948 - Jan.	202	221	181.6	-	100.8	-
Feb.	202	221	182.1	-	158.2	152.7
Mar.	203	223	184.1	-	158.8	153.4
Apr.	204	225	185.1	110.3	159.6	154.2
May	203	225	183.0	-	160.3	155.4
June	207	232	181.9	-	160.6	155.9
July	207	231	183.7	111.0	159.3	152.6
Aug.	203	222	190.2	-	159.3	152.8
Sept.	206	229	184.8	-	158.0	150.2
Oct.	210	228	185.5	109.8	157.5	148.1
Nov.	208	239	185.1	-	157.2	147.5
Dec.	214	242	185.1	-	157.1	147.3
				110.7	157.3	147.5
1949 - Jan.	215	243	186.7	(g)		
Feb.	216	246	186.3		157.3	147.5
Mar.	217	247	184.9		157.5	147.6
Apr.	218	248	179.0	100.0	157.7	147.9
May	221	256	176.3		158.2	148.7
June	223	260	175.7	100.2	158.6	149.6
					158.8	149.8

(a) October.

(b) First of month.

(c) Prior to 1943, yearly averages are on the base 1926-30=100.

(d) Middle of month.

(e) Average of less than twelve months.

(f) End of month

(g) New index, consumer's Price Index, base first quarter of 1949=100.

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COUNTRY	PERU		PORTUGAL		SOUTH AFRICA		SOUTHERN RHODESIA	
NATURE	Lima		Lisbon		9 Towns		Southern Rhodesia	
OF INDEX	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1934-1936		July, 1938 June, 1939		1938		August, 1939	
1913	100(d)	100(d)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	210(d)	208(d)	-	145.8	166.0	-	-	-
1926	201(d)	182(d)	-	106.3	109.6	-	-	-
1929	177(d)	159(d)	-	106.6	107.2	-	-	-
1939	110	106	101	99.9	99.3	-	-	-
1941	129	132	122	108.2	109.9	108(a)	109(a)	
1942	145	148	138	117.3	121.1	114(b)	118(b)	
1943	158	164	154	124.4	131.6	119	120	
1944	181	187	172	128.8	137.4	123	123	
1945	202	209	188	132.2	140.6	127	127	
1946	221	225	208	134.1	144.1	131	132	
1947	285	312	211	139.7	152.0	135	144	
1948	374	418	205 (e)	147.8	156.8	144	163	
1939 = Aug.	-	-	-	99.3	97.7	100	100	
1948 = Jan.	361	408	211	141.8	154.4	140	158	
Feb.	363	411	204	142.4	155.5	141	162	
Mar.	366	412	196	144.5	157.0	142	163	
Apr.	367	412	196	145.1	157.2	143	165	
May	368	412	193	146	159.2	145	169	
June	370	413	200	148.5	161.3	145	166	
July	372	414	202	150.1	154.3	145	162	
Aug.	377	417	209	149.4	153.6	145	157	
Sept.	379	420	211	151.2	158.8	146	161	
Oct.	383	428	213	151.8	159.2	146	162	
Nov.	387	433	215	151.3	157.6	146	164	
Dec.	391	439	213	150.2	153.7	147	167	
1949 = Jan.	394	444	214	151.2	156.4	147	167	
Feb.	397	444	209	151.7	157.8	148	169	
Mar.	401	448	210	152.0	159.1	149	171	
Apr.	413	462	211	152.9	160.8	151	175	
May	419	469	213	154.2	164.2	153	175	
June	426	481	210	154.7	166.1	153	172	

(a) August.

(b) June

(c) Middle of month

(d) Years 1913-33 are on the base 1913=100 since October, 1933 index includes heating.

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COUNTRY	SPAIN		SWEDEN (d)		SWITZERLAND		TRINIDAD
NATURE	50 Towns		60 Towns		34 Towns		Trinidad
OF	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living
INDEX							Food
Base Period	July, 1936		1935		June, 1914		1935
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	224	242	-
1926	-	-	-	-	162	160	-
1929	-	-	-	-	161	156	-
1939	154	178	107.5	138	132	-	-
1941	232	300	141.7	174	175	140	-
1942	247	318	154.7	193	200	159	154()
1943	246	310	158.5	203	211	184	191()
1944	257	323	158.2	207	215	195	205
1945	275	347	157.5	209	215	196	208
1946	361	491	160.3	208	210	204	223
1947	424	581	162.1	217	222	203	252
1948	453	599	172.4	224	230	226	261
				(a)	(a)	(c)	(c)
1939 - Aug.	149	170	106.8	137	131	108	-
1948 - Jan.	449	605	166.2	224	230	226	260
Feb.	453	609	169.7	224	230	226	260
Mar.	457	613	170.9	223	229	226	260
Apr.	458	613	171.7	223	229	226	260
May	451	598	171.9	223	229	226	260
June	447	589	172.2	224	230	227	262
July	444	581	172.6	223	229	227	262
Aug.	447	584	173.5	223	228	227	262
Sept.	450	588	174.3	223	229	227	262
Oct.	458	600	175.0	223	229	227	261
Nov.	461	604	175.1	226	235	226	260
Dec.	463	606	175.2	225	232	227	260
1949 - Jan.	467	610	175.3	224	231	227	260
Feb.	468	611	175.3	223	229	227	260
Mar.	468	611	175.4	222	228	227	260
Apr.	470	611	175.7	221	227	227	260
May	472	614	175.5	222	227	227	260
June	473	615	175.5	222	228	227	260

(a) Last week of month.

(b) July.

(c) First of month.

(d) Revised index.

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COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM		UNITED STATES	
NATURE OF INDEX	200 Localities		Bureau of Labor Statistics	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Consumers' Price Index	Foods
Base Period	17 June, 1947		1935-1939	
	(a)	(a)		
1913	-	-	70.7	79.9
1920	249	256	143.0	168.8
1926	172	164	126.4	137.4
1929	164	154	122.5	132.5
1939	158	141	99.4	95.2
1941	199	168	105.2	105.5
1942	200	161	116.5	123.9
1943	199	166	123.6	138.0
1944	201	168	125.5	136.1
1945	203	169	128.4	139.1
1946	203	169	139.3	159.6
1947	-	-	159.2	193.8
1948	108	108	171.2	210.2
1939 - Aug.	-	-	98.6	93.5
1948 - Jan.	104	104	168.8	209.7
Feb.	106	108	167.5	204.7
Mar.	106	109	166.9	202.3
Apr.	108	109	169.3	207.9
May	108	108	170.5	210.9
June	110	114	171.7	214.1
July	108	108	173.7	216.8
Aug.	108	108	174.5	216.6
Sept.	108	107	174.5	215.2
Oct.	108	108	173.6	211.5
Nov.	109	108	172.2	207.5
Dec.	109	108	171.4	205.0
1949 - Jan.	109	108	170.9	204.8
Feb.	109	109	169.0	199.7
Mar.	109	108	169.5	201.6
Apr.	109	109	169.7	202.8
May	111	114	169.2	202.4
June	111	116	169.6	204.3

(a) Annual averages for the years 1920-46 are on the base July 1914=100.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY		CANADA				
AUTHORITY		DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS				
NATURE OF INDEX	General Index	Consumers' Goods	Producers Goods	Raw and Partly Manufac- tured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufac- tured Goods	Canadian Farm Products
No. of Commo- dities	508(a)	206	365	212	296	
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	63.8	64.8	64.1
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	154.1	156.5	160.6
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	97.5	93.0	100.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	67.5	75.3	64.3
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	72.8
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9	85.0
1943	100.0	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	97.9
1944	102.5	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6	107.1
1945	103.6	98.1	100.7	105.6	94.0	114.9
1946	108.7	101.1	105.7	109.5	98.8	124.4
1947	129.1	117.3	129.3	130.7	117.4	132.9
1948	153.4	140.8	153.9	156.2	140.3	149.7
1939 - Aug.	72.3	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4
1948 - Jan.	147.2	135.6	146.7	148.3	136.8	147.7
Feb.	147.4	137.2	145.9	147.5	137.5	145.7
Mar.	147.3	137.6	145.4	147.3	137.3	145.1
Apr.	148.9	138.4	147.5	150.0	138.1	148.1
May	150.4	139.3	149.5	152.6	138.1	151.0
June	152.1	141.1	151.0	155.9	138.1	155.2
July	152.2	141.2	151.3	155.1	138.9	154.2
Aug.	158.3	143.2	161.5	163.2	143.4	151.2
Sept.	158.4	143.8	161.7	162.8	143.8	149.7
Oct.	159.3	144.1	162.0	163.9	144.1	149.3
Nov.	159.4	144.0	162.5	164.2	143.9	149.9
Dec.	159.6	144.3	162.8	163.8	143.9	148.9
1949 - Jan.	159.3	144.0	162.5	163.4	143.3	148.2
Feb.	158.1	142.8	161.1	161.1	142.1	145.1
Mar.	157.6	142.7	160.6	161.7	140.9	145.8
Apr.	157.5	143.6	160.3	160.8	142.0	147.6
May	156.4	143.5	157.8	159.5	142.3	148.0
June	156.3	144.4	156.7	160.2	142.1	149.6

No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567, and in 1943 to 510.

1948 revised.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA	BELGIUM	CHILE	CZECHOSLOVAKIA
AUTHORITY	Banco de La Nacion	Commonwealth Statistician	Official	Official	Official
No. of Commo- dities	105	80		58	69
Base Period	1926	1936-39	1936-38	1913	March, 1939
1913	75.5	-	-	100.0	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-
1926	100.0	(b)	-	-	-
1929	96.4	110.3	-	192.8	(c)
1939	108.2	101.1	-	420.7	109.5
1941	145.1	114.0	-	541.3	142.3
1942	187.6	124.2	-	736.0	145.4
1943	202.4	137.3	-	811.8	147.3
1944	211.3	139.6	-	838.1	148.1
1945	217.3	140.5	-	892.1	164.7
1946	234.2	141.2	-	1030.0	287.7
1947	250.0	148.8	355	1328.4	302.5
1948		170.3	389	1580.7	315.7
	(a)			(a)	(d)
1939 - Aug.	102.9	97.9	-	414.0	109.5
1948 - Jan.	258.1	162.5	378	1445.9	308.6
Feb.	260.0	163.9	389	1474.4	309.0
Mar.	260.4	164.0	389	1513.0	309.6
Apr.	264.9	164.2	391	1531.9	309.0
May	272.1	165.8	391	1555.3	310.6
June	278.9	166.4	391	1575.9	313.3
July	281.6	169.6	391	1589.9	319.9
Aug.		174.3	390	1615.3	321.1
Sept.		174.8	388	1654.3	321.9
Oct.		174.5	387	1666.2	319.1
Nov.		180.5	389	1674.5	321.1
Dec.		182.5	392	1671.4	325.2
1949 - Jan.		183.7	390	1713.7	
Feb.		185.8	384	1721.7	
Mar.		186.1	378	1734.6	
Apr.		185.3	373	1748.8	
May		185.6	372	1748.2	
June		185.5	366	1800.2	

(a) Monthly average.

(b) Each yearly index is for the period from July of the preceding year to June of the year specified.

(c) July.

(d) First of month.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	DENMARK	EGYPT	FINLAND	FRANCE	INDIA	
AUTHORITY	Dept. of Statistics	Dept. of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistique Générale	Economic Adviser	Department of Statistics Calcutta
No. of Commodities	161	278	218	135	78	72
Base Period	1935	1937	1935	1938	Sept. '38 Aug. '39	July, 1914
		(b)				
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	201
1926	117	-	-	-	-	148
1929	108	-	108	-	-	141
1939	118	100	120	105	-	108
1941	203	156	197	171	-	139
1942	213	200	243	201	-	185
1943	214	254	276	234	-	307
1944	217	300	305	265	-	298
1945	213	318	438	375	-	289
1946	210	308	686	648	-	324
1947	232	292	825	989	297	382
1948	254	316	1090	1712	368	408
	(a)		(a)			(c)
1939 - Aug.	111	-	117	102	-	100
1948 - Jan.	242	306	1026	1463	329	409
Feb.	243	315	1033	1537	342	374
Mar.	244	321	1074	1536	341	374
Apr.	247	323	1079	1555	348	389
May	253	324	1089	1653	367	408
June	256	323	1102	1691	382	413
July	258	324	1124	1698	390	416
Aug.	259	317	1118	1783	383	414
Sept.	259	311	1116	1791	382	421
Oct.	259	308	1110	1887	382	426
Nov.	259	309	1107	1977	382	425
Dec.	263	311	1104	1974	384	424
1949 - Jan.	262	313	1088	1946	376	421
Feb.	261	308	1083	1898	372	432
Mar.	261	304	1075	1872	370	428
Apr.	261	298	1071	1846	376	422
May	261	295	1057	1890	377	416
June	259	291	1058	1812	378	422

(a) Monthly average.

(b) Source: United Nations Bulletin of Statistics.

(c) End of month.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	IRELAND	ITALY	MEXICO	NETHERLANDS
AUTHORITY	Official	Official	Official	Central Bureau of Statistics
No. of Commodities	220	109	32	196
Base Period	October, 1938	1938	1929	1938-1939(c)
1913	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-
1929	-	(a)	100.0	-
1939	105.4	105	127.0	105
1941	148.0	136	135.8	150
1942	170.2	152	148.3	157
1943	189.4	229	182.4	160
1944	198.2	858	226.9	164
1945	197.5	2059	246.9	181
1946	197.5	2883	286.4	251
1947	219.3	5159	301.6	271
1948	232.1	5443	317.6	281
		(b)		
1939 - Aug.	101.1	-	129.1	-
1948 - Jan.	233.0	5373	302.4	279
Feb.	233.5	5352	304.3	279
Mar.	231.9	5318	303.1	279
Apr.	234.2	5240	302.7	279
May	231.7	5184	313.2	279
June	233.4	5142	321.1	280
July	232.2	5139	326.1	279
Aug.	231.2	5704	330.5	280
Sept.	230.4	5769	327.8	279
Oct.	232.1	5724	330.9	284
Nov.	231.8	5667	329.1	289
Dec.	230.2	5697	320.5	291
1949 - Jan.	231.1	5698	321.6	295
Feb.	233.2	5656	322.1	295
Mar.	233.2	5557	327.4	294
Apr.	232.5	5393	329.5	295
May	229.6	5283	329.2	294
June	229.8	5298	332.7	294

(a) Annual averages, 1939-46, converted from indexes published in United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

(b) Monthly averages.

(c) July, 1938 - June, 1939.

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COUNTRY	NEW ZEALAND	NORWAY	PERU	PORTUGAL
Authority	Government Statistician	Central Bureau of Statistics	Official	Banco de Portugal
No. of Commodities	168	138	58	48
Base Period	1926-30	1938	1934-36(a)	June, 1927
1913	-	-	100(a)	-
1920	153.6	-	239(a)	-
1926	105.3	-	203(a)	-
1929	98.8	97	186(a)	104
1939	107.1	102	114	103
1941	131.1	163	152	153
1942	141.6	172	190	177
1943	151.3	175	219	221
1944	155.8	177	226	248
1945	158.4	177	236	241
1946	158.4	169	254	236
1947	165.4	175	342	248
1948	184.4	181	429	246
	(b)			
1939 - Aug.	108.4	98	-	98
1948 - Jan.	179.7	180	398	238
Feb.	181.9	180	404	240
Mar.	182.5	180	412	238
Apr.	184.5	181	419	240
May	185.1	181	420	240
June	185.7	182	424	242
July	186.2	182	430	247
Aug.	188.0	181	435	254
Sept.	186.3	181	437	252
Oct.	186.2	181	449	251
Nov.	184.0	182	455	254
Dec.	182.0	183	463	255
1949 - Jan.	181.7	183	500	258
Feb.	181.7	183	538	252
Mar.	181.7	183	555	254
Apr.	183.8	183	578	257
May	184.0	183	586	251
June	183.4	183	613	245

(a) Years 1913-33 on base 1913=100

(b) Monthly average

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	SOUTH AFRICA	SPAIN	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND
Authority	Census and Statistics Office	Official	Commerce Department	Federal Labour Department
No. of Commodities	225	109	160	78
Base Period	1913	1913	1935(a)	July, 1914
1913	100.0	100.0	100(a)	-
1920	223.3	223.4	359(a)	-
1926	123.3	174.8	149(a)	144.5
1929	115.1	167.7	140(a)	141.2
1939	101.9	241.9	115	111.2
1941	124.3	341.5	172	183.5
1942	139.5	375.4	189	209.6
1943	151.6	419.1	196	218.2
1944	157.0	450.8	196	222.6
1945	159.2	500.3	194	220.6
1946	163.1	600.2	186	214.7
1947	170.9	704.1	199	223.8
1948	182.5	753.5	214	232.5
				(c)
1939 - Aug.	99.8(b)	244.2	111	107.4
1948 - Jan.	176.9	744.4	207	234.4
Feb.	176.5	743.0	209	234.3
Mar.	176.2	734.0	210	234.5
Apr.	176.9	726.3	213	234.0
May	178.2	730.5	214	233.4
June	185.3	739.9	216	233.1
July	186.0	746.4	215	232.4
Aug.	186.3	763.8	217	231.0
Sept.	187.4	772.6	217	229.9
Oct.	188.1	780.7	217	229.7
Nov.	187.0	784.0	217	232.0
Dec.	185.7	782.3	217	231.4
1949 - Jan.	186.9	784.7	217	230.2
Feb.	188.2	778.9	217	229.3
Mar.	188.5	787.4	216	227.4
Apr.	189.1	794.8	216	224.0
May	190.7	793.3	215	221.3
June	192.6	794.9	216	220.2

(a) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116.

(b) July, 1939.

(c) End of month.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM	UNITED STATES	
Authority	Board of Trade	Bureau of Labour Statistics	
		General Index	Farm Products Index
No. of Commodities	200	889(a)	67
Base Period	1930	1926	1926
1913	-	69.8	71.5
1920	307.3(c)	154.4	150.7
1926	148.1(c)	100.0	100.0
1929	136.5(c)	95.3	104.9
1939	102.8	77.1	65.3
1941	152.6	87.3	82.4
1942	159.4	98.8	105.9
1943	162.8	103.1	122.6
1944	166.2	104.0	123.3
1945	169.0	105.8	128.2
1946	175.2	121.1	148.9
1947	191.7	152.1	181.2
1948	219.3	164.9	188.3
		(b)	(b)
1939 - Aug.	98.1	75.0	61.0
1948 - Jan.	212.1	165.7	199.2
Feb.	216.7	160.9	185.3
Mar.	217.2	161.4	186.0
Apr.	219.3	162.8	186.7
May	220.4	164.2	189.1
June	222.1	166.2	196.0
July	221.8	168.7	195.2
Aug.	221.1	169.5	191.0
Sept.	220.0	168.7	189.9
Oct.	219.8	165.2	183.5
Nov.	220.5	164.0	180.8
Dec.	220.8	162.3	177.3
1949 - Jan.	221.3	160.6	172.5
Feb.	221.1	158.1	168.3
Mar.	220.5	158.4	171.5
Apr.	226.6	156.9	170.5
May	231.3	155.7	171.2
June	231.7	154.5	168.8

- (a) Number of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January, 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.
- (b) Monthly average.
- (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100.

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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1949

Living costs continued to move higher in most countries in the second half of 1949, but at a somewhat slower pace. The devaluation of the pound sterling on September 18, was followed by a general readjustment of nearly all foreign currencies and was reflected in a realignment of international price levels.

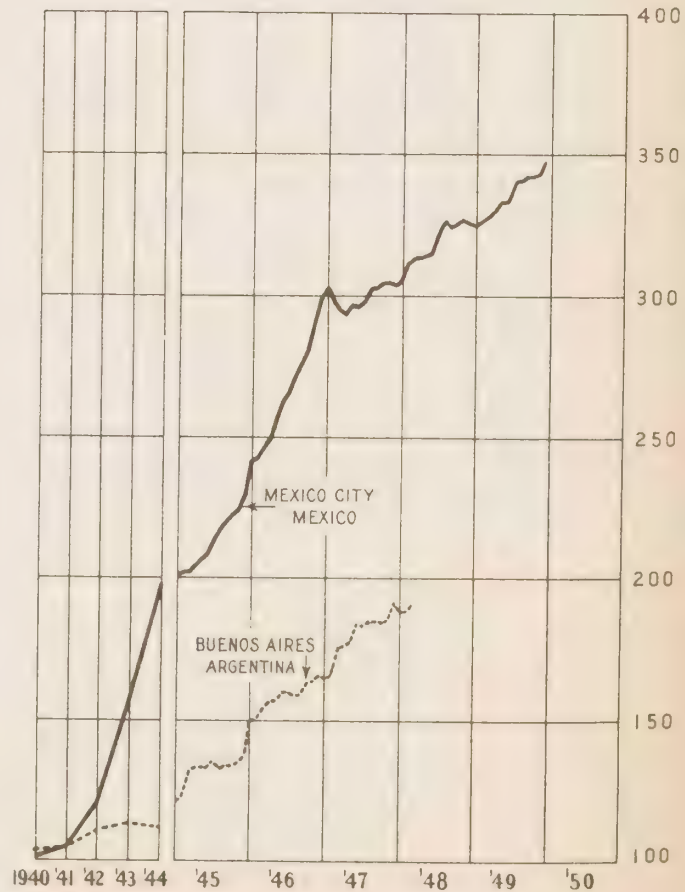
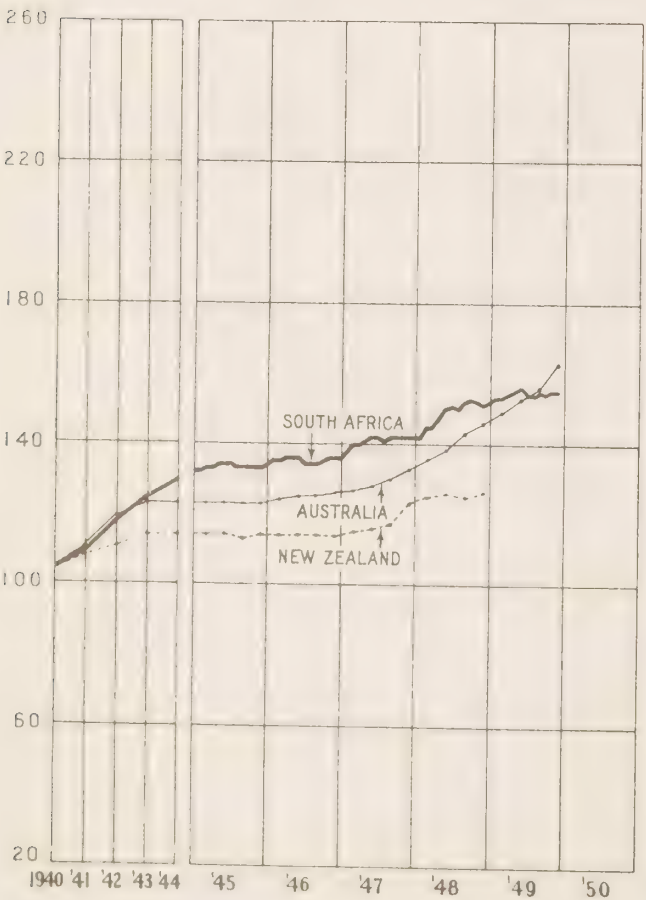
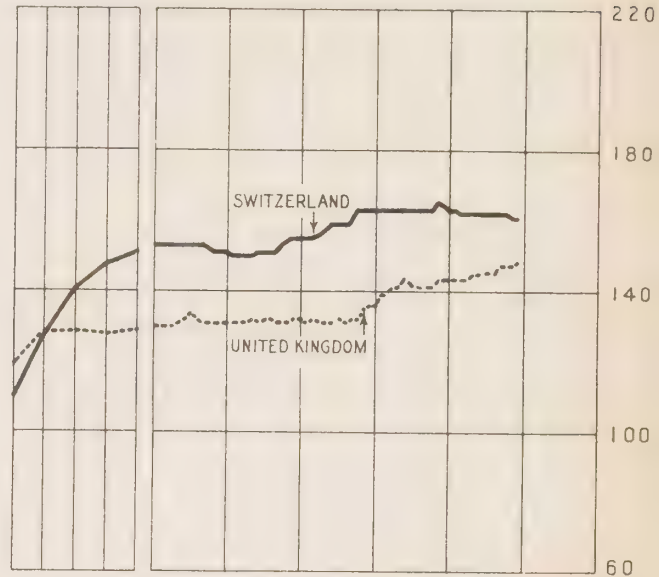
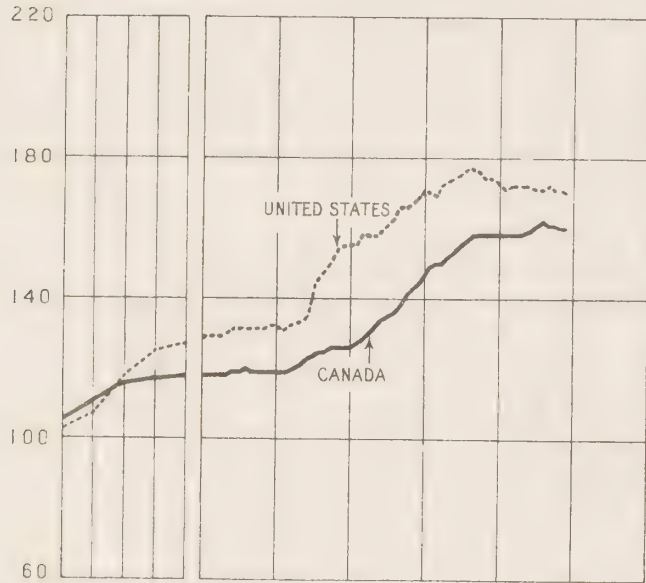
The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer's Price index registered a small change between June and December. Moderate declines in food and clothing which exceeded advances in rent and fuel brought the index down to 167.5 for a net decrease of 1.2 p.c. Due mainly to higher prices in food the cost of living index for the United Kingdom rose 2 points to 113. After receding fractionally from a peak of 162.8 in August, the cost of living index for Canada closed the year at 161.5, 2.6 points above the comparable level in 1948. Higher levels for rents and fuel were mainly responsible for for the change. Australia's cost-of-living index for six capital cities registered an increase of 4.5 p.c. to 165.3 between June and December while the South African index fell 0.3 p.c. to 154.2. Index advances in other countries were as follows: 12.9 p.c. for France, 8.9 p.c. for Peru, 7.5 p.c. for Chile, 5.7 p.c. for Spain and 5.5 p.c. for Finland.

Wholesale price levels generally advanced during the latter part of 1949, although indexes for Switzerland and the United States continued to decline. Substantial increases in wholesale prices were noted in France and Australia, their respective indexes showing gains of 10.5 p.c. and 10.0 p.c. respectively. Advances were also recorded for Mexico which rose 8 p.c., Finland 7.6 p.c., Peru 5.6 p.c., Chile 4.5 p.c., Denmark 4.2 p.c. and Netherlands 4.1 p.c. The general wholesale commodity price index for the United States fell from 154.5 in June to 151.2 in December. Farm products with an 8 p.c. drop led the movement. Reflecting rising prices in wool, cereals, non-ferrous metals and cotton the Board of Trade index for the United Kingdom mounted 3.9 p.c. to 241.0 between June and December. The Canadian wholesale index of 508 price series fluctuated narrowly between June and December, ending the year at 156.9, 2.7 points below the post war peak of 159.6 attained in December 1948.

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

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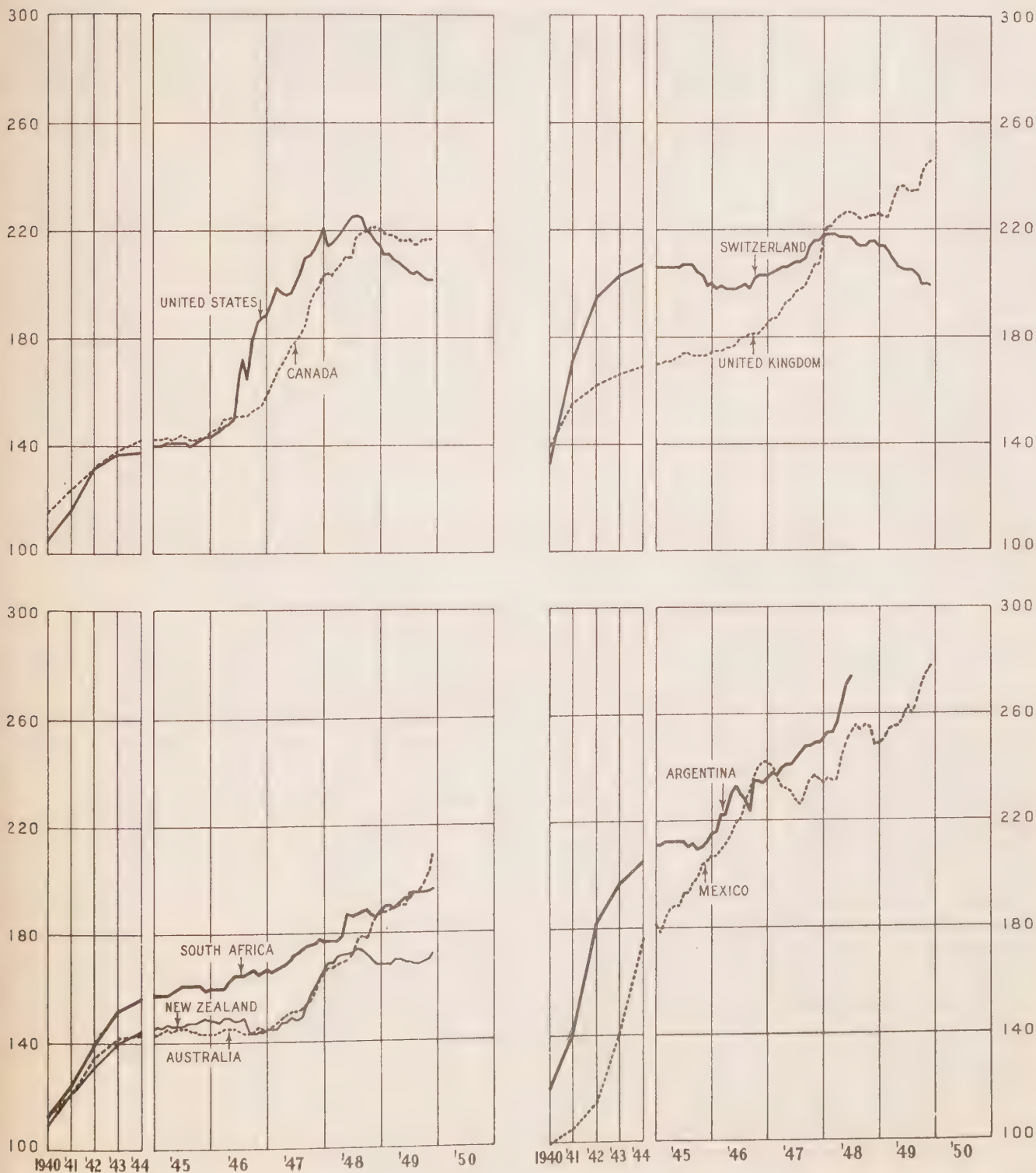
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

AUGUST, 1939 = 100

ALL INDEX NUMBERS CONVERTED FROM ORIGINAL BASE TO BASE AUGUST, 1939 = 100



WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1949

Changes in Cost-of-Living Index Numbers
Second Half of 1949

Country	Percentage Changes Between		
	August, 1939 December, 1949	December, 1948 December, 1949	June, 1949 December, 1949
Australia	+ 59.9	+ 9.3	+ 4.5
Canada	+ 60.2	+ 1.6	+ 0.6
Chile	+ 439.9	+ 20.7	+ 7.5
Denmark	+ 67.3	+ 1.7	- 1.1
Finland	+ 724.8	+ 3.5	+ 5.5
France	+ 1,633.5	+ 0.7	+ 12.9
Iceland	+ 230.1	+ 4.3	+ 4.3
Netherlands	+ 126.0	+ 5.6	+ 1.3
Norway	+ 57.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
Peru	+ 314.3	+ 18.7	+ 3.9
Portugal	+ 116.0	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
South Africa	+ 55.3	+ 2.7	- 0.3
Spain	+ 235.6	+ 8.0	+ 5.7
Sweden	+ 63.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Switzerland	+ 60.6	- 2.2	- 0.9
United Kingdom	+ 48.0	+ 3.7	+ 1.8
United States	+ 69.9	- 2.3	- 1.2

Changes in Wholesale Price Index Numbers
Second Half of 1949

Country	Percentage Changes Between		
	August, 1939 December, 1949	December, 1948 December, 1949	June, 1949 December, 1949
Australia	+ 108.7	+ 11.9	+ 10.0
Canada	+ 117.0	- 1.7	+ 0.4
Chile	+ 354.3	+ 12.5	+ 4.5
Denmark	+ 143.2	+ 2.7	+ 4.2
France	+ 1,862.7	+ 1.4	+ 10.5
Mexico	+ 178.2	+ 12.1	+ 8.0
New Zealand	+ 72.0	+ 2.4	+ 1.6
Norway	+ 90.8	+ 2.5	+ 2.4
Peru	+ 475.9	+ 39.8	+ 5.6
South Africa	+ 96.6	+ 5.7	+ 1.9
Sweden	+ 97.3	+ 0.9	+ 1.4
Switzerland	+ 98.7	- 7.8	- 3.1
United Kingdom	+ 145.7	+ 9.1	+ 3.9
United States	+ 101.6	- 6.8	- 2.1

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	AUSTRALIA		AUSTRIA		BELGIUM		BRAZIL	
	6							
NATURE OF INDEX	Capital Cities		Vienna		Belgium		Sao Paulo	
	Cost of Living	Food and Groceries	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	July, 1936	June, 1939	March, 1938		1936-38		1939	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	(a)	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	115.0	115.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	102.9	104.8	-	-	-	-	100	100
1941	111.1	108.4	-	-	-	-	116	121
1942	117.6	111.8	-	-	-	-	130	133
1943	126.7	120.3	-	-	-	-	150	153
1944	127.0	117.2	-	-	-	-	191	201
1945	127.0	117.9	-	-	-	-	232	245
1946	127.8	118.7	-	-	-	-	276	312
1947	130.9	120.8	-	-	-	-	328	373
1948	139.2	143.7	-	-	393	384	361	425
1949	152.8	153.1	403	445	381	364	359	409
	(b)							
1939 - Aug.	103.4(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1948 - July	-	145.1	-	-	396	386	373	449
Aug.	-	145.5	-	-	400	393	369	442
Sept.	147.9	146.7	-	-	403	399	375	448
Oct.	-	150.1	-	-	396	387	352	406
Nov.	-	152.1	-	-	394	386	347	397
Dec.	151.2	154.5	-	-	395	387	344	392
1949 - Jan.	-	154.8	363	376	393	384	349	396
Feb.	-	155.9	362	376	388	375	358	409
Mar.	153.8	156.4	361	376	382	366	357	407
Apr.	-	158.2	362	389	380	362	362	415
May	-	158.9	362	394	379	359	365	421
June	158.2	159.4	416	481	381	364	362	414
July	-	158.9	415	467	379	361	357	405
Aug.	-	159.7	414	464	378	361	357	406
Sept.	161.0	160.5	419	464	379	362	356	403
Oct.	-	160.4	431	491	376	358	355	401
Nov.	-	163.2	463	529	377	359	362	414
Dec.	165.3	167.0	471	531	375	357	365	420

(a) Each yearly index is for the period from July of the preceding year to June of the year specified.

(b) Average of quarter.

(c) June, 1939.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	CANADA		CHILE		COLOMBIA		DENMARK	
NATURE OF INDEX	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Santiago		Bogota		200 Localities	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1935 - 39		March, 1928		February, 1937		1935	
1913	79.1	89.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	-	-	-	-	(d)	-
1926	121.8	133.3	-	-	-	-	108	-
1929	121.7	134.7	109	119	-	-	101	-
1939	101.5	100.6	187	210	118.4	119.8	109	-
1941	111.7	116.1	242	281	113.0	110.1	157	169
1942	117.0	127.2	304	367	122.8	121.6	164	169
1943	118.4	130.7	354	434	142.3	143.4	166	167
1944	118.9	131.3	395	465	171.2	182.1	168	168
1945	119.5	133.0	430	495	190.6	204.5	170	170
1946	123.6	140.4	499	576	208.3	219.5	169	170
1947	135.5	159.5	666	772	246.2	263.2	173	177
1948	155.0	195.5	786	898	286.6(b)	303.0(b)	177	180
1949	160.8	203.0	933	1,033	-	-	180	181
1939 - Aug.	100.8	99.3	186	206	115.8	116.7	107(c)	108(c)
1948 - July	156.9	201.3	788	911	294.6	316.4	179	181
Aug.	157.5	202.6	811	934	292.3	308.0	-	-
Sept.	158.9	203.9	838	957	290.4	308.8	-	-
Oct.	159.6	205.4	836	954	292.0	305.1	179	180
Nov.	159.6	204.7	831	947	293.3	304.0	-	-
Dec.	158.9	202.0	830	932	298.9	311.3	-	-
1949 - Jan.	159.6	202.2	852	968	299.2	310.3	181	181
Feb.	159.5	200.4	858	972	301.9	313.4	-	-
Mar.	159.2	199.1	869	987	307.6	321.4	-	-
Apr.	159.3	198.5	911	989	308.6	322.1	181	180
May	159.5	199.5	922	1,001	305.8	316.5	-	-
June	160.5	202.9	932	1,023	306.7	314.6	-	-
July	162.1	207.2	936	1,025	304.5	309.1	179	180
Aug.	162.8	209.2	955	1,038	-	-	-	-
Sept.	162.3	207.0	960	1,054	-	-	-	-
Oct.	162.2	205.0	996	1,098	-	-	-	-
Nov.	161.7	203.3	1,007	1,126	-	-	179	182
Dec.	161.5	201.9	1,002	1,114	-	-	-	-

(a) First of month

(b) Average of eleven months

(c) July quarter, 1939

(d) Includes direct taxation.

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COUNTRY	EGYPT		FINLAND		FRANCE	GUATEMALA	
NATURE	Cairo		32 Towns		Paris	Guatemala	
OF							
INDEX	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Foods (b)	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	June-August 1939		1935		1938	August, 1946	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	125	143	119	-	-	-	-
1929	118	133	123	-	-	-	-
1939	103(a)	101(a)	111	112	108	-	-
1941	133	131	155	162	149	-	-
1942	184	177	183	189	174	-	-
1943	242	-	206	211	224	-	-
1944	279	277	219	214	275	-	-
1945	293	287	307	334	377	-	-
1946	287	275	430	525	645	-	-
1947	279	271	636	769	1,043	101.3	101.3
1948	281	271	852	1,016	1,662	108.2	111.6
1949	278	-	871	1,047	1,814	115.7	122.9
1939 - Aug.	-	-	109	110	108	-	-
1948 - July	280	267	881	983	1,559	-	-
Aug.	280	268	889	993	1,716	-	-
Sept.	280	270	885	978	1,842	-	-
Oct.	279	270	882	1,124	1,904	-	-
Nov.	280	276	876	1,098	1,873	-	-
Dec.	282	282	869	1,075	1,924	-	-
1949 - Jan.	280	-	866	1,057	1,932	112.0	116.4
Feb.	280	-	850	1,023	1,845	112.6	118.0
Mar.	280	-	841	1,003	1,759	111.9	117.7
Apr.	279	-	844	999	1,738	116.2	124.1
May	276	-	845	984	1,725	116.6	125.9
June	275	-	852	992	1,715	113.6	118.6
July	274	-	887	1,079	1,704	117.1	124.5
Aug.	273	-	881	1,064	1,744	114.9	121.9
Sept.	275	-	885	1,069	1,835	117.2	124.8
Oct.	279	-	901	1,105	1,901	124.8	137.6
Nov.	281	-	898	1,095	1,930	114.2	119.5
Dec.	281	-	899	1,097	1,937	117.7	125.8

(a) Average June - December.

(b) Retail prices of 29 articles included in the budget of a worker's family of four persons.

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COUNTRY	HUNGARY		ICELAND		INDIA		IRELAND	
NATURE	Hungary		Reykjavik		Bombay		120 Towns and Localities	
OF	Cost	Foods	Cost	Foods	Cost	Foods	Cost	Foods
INDEX	of Living		of Living		of Living		of Living	
Base Period	August 26, 1939		Jan.-March 1939		July, 1933-June, 1934		August, 1947	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	(b)	(b)
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	185	179
1939	-	-	-	-	-	-	176	169
1941	-	-	103	104	106	114	173	163
1942	-	-	160	189	124	140	226	202
1943	-	-	206	264	157	180	250	225
1944	-	-	256	330	230	253	282	247
1945	-	-	268	334	237	-	295	262
1946	-	-	277	342	235	271	295	263
1947	462.1	632.7	293	361	259	317	291	263
1948	482.7	686.5	315	373	279	344	-	-
1949	-	-	322	360	303	348	99	98
			330	365	-	-	100	98
1939 - Aug.	-	-	(a)	(a)				
			103	104	105	112	-	-
1943 - July	462.4	636.9					(c)	(c)
Aug.	455.0	617.6	320	359	312	351	-	-
Sept.	435.0	566.7	321	359	321	365	99	98
Oct.	453.4	600.2	322	365	323	370	-	-
Nov.	457.0	610.7	324	365	315	362	-	-
Dec.	455.3	608.5	325	364	317	363	99	97
			326	364	326	382	-	-
1949 - Jan.	450.9	597.6						
Feb.	439.5	569.2	326	364	316	-	-	-
Mar.	-	-	329	366	307	-	99	97
Apr.	-	-	328	360	311	-	-	-
May	-	-	327	359	305	-	-	-
June	-	-	327	359	306	-	99	97
July	-	-	326	357	300	-	-	-
Aug.	-	-	326	357	302	-	-	-
Sept.	-	-	328	359	306	-	-	-
Oct.	-	-	330	361	306	-	100	99
Nov.	-	-	337	377	-	-	-	-
Dec.	-	-	338	378	-	-	-	-
			340	382	-	-	100	98

(a) First of month.

(b) Annual averages 1926-1946 are on the base July, 1914=100.

(c) Middle of month.

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COUNTRY	ITALY		JAMAICA		JAPAN		MEXICO	
NATURE	Rome		Kingston		All Cities		Mexico	
OF	Cost	Foods	Cost	Foods	Cost	Foods	Cost	Foods
INDEX	of Living		of Living		of Living		of Living	
Base Period	1938		August, 1939		1948		1939	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	105(b)	102(b)	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
1941	140(b)	146(b)	135.2	133.1	-	-	104.4	100.0
1942	153(b)	174(b)	152.2	144.4	-	-	121.0	114.0
1943	-	-	157.1	143.9	-	-	158.5	146.6
1944	-	-	159.1	139.2	-	-	199.1	189.3
1945	-	-	158.7	143.0	-	-	213.5	204.1
1946	-	-	164.9	154.2	-	-	266.7	264.7
1947	3,929	5,562	194.8	176.7	-	-	300.3	303.0
1948	4,231	5,996	235.0	222.1	100	100	313.9	319.4
1949	4,270	5,769	248.8	238.6	133	134	336.0	333.5
			(a)	(a)				
1939 - Aug.	-	-	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-
1948 - July	4,265	6,005	249.7	246.3	108	113	322.3	324.8
Aug.	4,258	5,977	252.4	245.5	120	124	327.4	328.6
Sept.	4,260	5,975	248.9	240.5	120	120	325.0	324.6
Oct.	4,080	5,654	252.7	247.4	116	111	325.6	325.2
Nov.	4,089	5,640	251.6	242.8	121	115	327.1	326.6
Dec.	4,231	5,866	251.8	242.1	123	120	325.7	324.7
1949 - Jan.	4,267	5,888	247.3	236.0	133	126	324.9	322.9
Feb.	4,325	5,926	-	-	136	133	325.9	324.0
Mar.	4,310	5,891	248.5	233.9	140	139	327.9	326.3
Apr.	4,342	5,893	246.1	229.6	141	142	329.6	328.0
May	4,369	5,947	245.4	238.7	143	142	333.0	330.4
June	4,326	5,833	244.0	236.6	138	136	333.3	331.8
July	4,248	5,696	242.3	234.6	141	139	341.0	341.0
Aug.	4,257	5,716	241.4	233.3	141	138	341.3	338.8
Sept.	4,286	5,763	239.0	229.7	140	136	342.0	339.3
Oct.	4,144	5,511	242.7	235.2	137	130	341.8	338.9
Nov.	4,199	5,605	245.8	241.0	131	123	342.7	333.7
Dec.	4,164	5,561	250.0	245.7	134	125	348.3	342.1

(a) End of month.

(b) Annual average June 1928=100 converted to 1938 base.

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COUNTRY	NETHERLANDS		NEW ZEALAND		NORWAY	
NATURE	6		25		31	
OF	Municipalities		Towns		Towns	
INDEX	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods
base Period	July, 1938- June, 1939		December, 1942		1938	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	101.9(a)	-	-	-
1926	-	-	101.0(a)	-	-	-
1929	-	-	100.4(a)	120.3	119.9	
1939	102	102	99.0(a)	96.8	96.1	
1941	134	144	107.3(a)	101.3	101.7	
1942	143	157	110.9(a)	138.5	146.1	
1943	149	159	100.2	-	-	
1944	153(c)	165(c)	100.3	152.3	154.7	
1945	176(c)	169(c)	100.4	155.0	155.0	
1946	192(c)	194(c)	100.8	158.9	156.9	
1947	199	210(c)	103.9	159.7	155.4	
1948	206	228	110.5	158.6	151.5	
1949	219	249	100.9(e)	158.8	149.7	
	(d)	(d)		(b)	(b)	
1939 - Aug.	-	-	-	100.8	-	
1948 - July	207	231	-	159.3	152.8	
Aug.	203	222	-	158.0	150.2	
Sept.	206	229	109.8	157.5	148.1	
Oct.	210	228	-	157.2	147.5	
Nov.	208	239	-	157.1	147.3	
Dec.	214	242	110.7	157.3	147.5	
			(e)			
1949 - Jan.	215	243	-	157.3	147.5	
Feb.	216	246	-	157.5	147.6	
Mar.	217	247	100.0	157.7	147.9	
Apr.	218	248	-	158.2	148.7	
May	221	256	-	158.6	149.6	
June	223	260	100.2	158.8	149.8	
July	219	251	-	159.0	149.7	
Aug.	216	246	-	163.1	158.1	
Sept.	216	244	101.4	159.5	150.9	
Oct.	217	244	-	158.6	148.7	
Nov.	221	251	-	158.8	148.8	
Dec.	226	257	101.8	158.9	149.0	

- (a) Prior to 1943, yearly averages are on the base 1926-30=100.
 (b) Middle of month.
 (c) Average of less than twelve months.
 (d) End of month.
 (e) New index, consumer's Price Index, base first quarter of 1949=100.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	PERU		PORTUGAL		SOUTH AFRICA		SOUTHERN RHODESIA	
NATURE	Lima		Lisbon		9 Towns		Southern Rhodesia	
OF	Cost of Foods		Cost of Foods		Cost of Foods		Cost of Foods	
INDEX	Living		Living		Living		Living	
Base Period	1934-1936		July, 1933 June, 1939		1938		August, 1939	
1913	100(d)	100(d)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	210(d)	208(d)	-	-	145.8	166.0	-	-
1926	201(d)	182(d)	-	-	106.3	109.6	-	-
1929	177(d)	159(d)	-	-	106.6	107.2	-	-
1939	110	106	101	-	99.9	99.3	-	-
1941	129	132	122	-	108.2	109.9	108(a)	109(a)
1942	145	148	138	-	117.3	121.1	114(b)	118(b)
1943	158	164	154	-	124.4	131.6	119	120
1944	181	187	172	-	128.8	137.4	123	123
1945	202	209	188	-	132.2	140.6	127	127
1946	221	225	208	-	134.1	144.1	131	132
1947	285	312	211	-	139.7	152.0	135	144
1948	374	418	205	-	147.8	156.8	144	163
1949	430	487	213	-	153.2	161.2	153	173
			(c)					
1939 - Aug.	-	-	-	-	99.3	97.7	100	100
1948 - July	372	414	202	-	150.1	154.3	145	162
Aug.	377	417	209	-	149.4	153.6	145	157
Sept.	379	420	211	-	151.2	158.8	146	161
Oct.	383	428	213	-	151.8	159.2	146	162
Nov.	387	433	215	-	151.3	157.6	146	164
Dec.	391	439	213	-	150.2	153.7	147	167
1949 - Jan.	394	444	214	-	151.2	156.4	147	167
Feb.	397	444	209	-	151.7	157.8	148	169
Mar.	401	448	210	-	152.0	159.1	149	171
Apr.	413	462	211	-	152.9	160.8	151	175
May	419	469	213	-	154.2	164.2	153	175
June	426	481	210	-	154.7	166.1	153	172
July	432	493	210	-	153.2	161.6	152	167
Aug.	446	509	211	-	153.3	161.7	152	165
Sept.	449	512	217	-	153.6	162.4	152	165
Oct.	449	508	219	-	153.3	161.6	153	166
Nov.	462	530	218	-	153.6	161.1	159	188
Dec.	464	532	216	-	154.2	161.6	162	195

(a) August.

(b) June.

(c) Middle of month.

(d) Years 1913-33 are on the base 1913=100. Since October, 1933 index includes heating.

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COUNTRY	SPAIN		SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND		TRINIDAD	
NATURE	50		60	34		Trinidad	
OF	Towns		Towns	Towns			
INDEX	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	July, 1936		1935	June, 1914		1935	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	224	242	-	-
1929	-	-	-	162	160	-	-
1939	-	-	-	161	156	-	-
1939	154	178	107.5	138	132	-	-
1941	232	300	141.7	174	175	140	-
1942	247	318	154.7	193	200	159	154(b)
1943	246	310	158.5	203	211	184	191(b)
1944	257	323	158.2	207	215	195	205
1945	275	347	157.5	209	215	196	208
1946	361	491	160.3	208	210	204	223
1947	424	581	162.1	217	222	203	252
1948	453	599	172.4	224	230	226	261
1949	478	623	175.8	222	228	227	261
1939 - Aug.	149	170	106.8	(a)	(a)	(c)	(c)
				137	131	108	-
1948 - July	444	581	172.6	223	229	227	262
Aug.	447	584	173.5	223	228	227	262
Sept.	450	588	174.3	223	229	227	262
Oct.	458	600	175.0	223	229	227	261
Nov.	461	604	175.1	226	235	226	260
Dec.	463	606	175.2	225	232	227	260
1949 - Jan.	467	610	175.3	224	231	227	260
Feb.	468	611	175.3	223	229	227	260
Mar.	468	611	175.4	222	228	227	260
Apr.	470	611	175.7	221	227	227	260
May	472	614	175.5	222	227	227	260
June	473	615	175.5	222	227	227	260
July	473	614	175.8	221	228	227	260
Aug.	476	620	175.9	221	228	227	260
Sept.	480	625	176.2	222	229	227	260
Oct.	489	640	176.8	221	229	228	262
Nov.	495	651	176.8	221	228	228	262
Dec.	500	655	175.3	220	227	228	262

(a) Last week of month.

(b) July.

(c) First of month.

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COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM		UNITED STATES	
NATURE OF INDEX	200 Localities		Bureau of Labor Statistics	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Consumers' Price Index	Foods
Base Period	17 June, 1947		1935-1939	
	(a)	(a)		
1913	-	-	70.7	79.9
1920	249	256	143.0	168.8
1926	172	164	126.4	137.4
1929	164	154	122.5	132.5
1939	158	141	99.4	95.2
1941	199	168	105.2	105.5
1942	200	161	116.5	123.9
1943	199	166	123.6	138.0
1944	201	168	125.5	136.1
1945	203	169	128.4	139.1
1946	203	169	139.3	159.6
1947	-	-	159.2	193.8
1948	108	108	171.2	210.2
1949	111	114	169.1	201.9
1939 - Aug.	-	-	98.6	93.5
1948 - July	108	108	173.7	216.8
Aug.	108	108	174.5	216.6
Sept.	108	107	174.5	215.2
Oct.	108	108	173.6	211.5
Nov.	109	108	172.2	207.5
Dec.	109	108	171.4	205.0
1949 - Jan.	109	108	170.9	204.8
Feb.	109	109	169.0	199.7
Mar.	109	108	169.5	201.6
Apr.	109	109	169.7	202.8
May	111	114	169.2	202.4
June	111	116	169.6	204.3
July	111	116	168.5	201.7
Aug.	111	116	168.8	202.6
Sept.	112	117	169.6	204.2
Oct.	112	119	168.5	200.6
Nov.	112	119	168.6	200.8
Dec.	113	120	167.5	197.3

(a) Annual averages for the years 1920-46 are on the base July 1914=100.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY		CANADA				
AUTHORITY		DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS				
NATURE OF INDEX	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Manufac- tured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufac- tured Goods	Canadian Farm Products
No. of Commodities	508(a)	206	365	212	296	
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	63.8	64.8	64.1
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	154.1	156.5	160.6
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	97.5	93.0	100.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	67.5	75.3	64.3
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	72.8
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9	85.0
1943	100.0	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	97.9
1944	102.5	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6	107.1
1945	103.6	98.1	100.7	105.6	94.0	114.9
1946	108.7	101.1	105.7	109.5	98.8	124.4
1947	129.1	117.3	129.3	130.7	117.4	132.9
1948	153.4	140.8	153.9	156.2	140.3	149.7
1949	157.0	143.9	159.0	160.6	142.3	147.0
1939 - Aug.	72.3	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4
1948 - July	152.2	141.2	151.3	155.1	138.9	154.2
Aug.	158.3	143.2	161.5	163.2	143.4	151.2
Sept.	158.4	143.8	161.7	162.8	143.8	149.7
Oct.	159.3	144.1	162.0	163.9	144.1	149.3
Nov.	159.4	144.0	162.5	164.2	143.9	149.9
Dec.	159.6	144.3	162.8	163.8	143.9	148.9
1949 - Jan.	159.3	144.4	162.5	163.4	143.3	148.2
Feb.	158.1	143.4	161.0	161.4	142.1	145.1
Mar.	157.6	143.4	160.7	161.8	140.9	145.8
Apr.	157.5	144.3	160.3	161.3	142.0	147.6
May	156.4	144.2	157.9	159.5	142.4	147.9
June	156.3	144.9	156.8	160.2	142.0	149.4
July	156.6	145.6	156.5	160.8	142.1	150.7
Aug.	155.4	143.7	156.2	158.5	142.0	146.5
Sept.	155.4	143.2	156.7	159.0	141.8	146.3
Oct.	157.2	143.8	159.3	160.6	143.0	145.6
Nov.	157.1	143.1	159.6	160.6	142.9	145.7
Dec.	156.9	143.1	159.9	160.3	142.5	145.1

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.

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COUNTRY	AUSTRALIA	BELGIUM	CHILE	DENMARK
AUTHORITY	Commonwealth Statistician	Official	Official	Dept. of Statistics
No. of Commodities	80		58	161
Base Period	1936-39	1936-38	1913	1935
1913	-	-	100.0	-
1920	-	-	-	-
1926	(b)	-	-	117
1929	110.3	-	192.8	108
1939	101.1	-	420.7	118
1941	114.0	-	541.3	203
1942	124.2	-	736.0	213
1943	137.3	-	811.8	214
1944	139.6	-	838.1	217
1945	140.5	-	892.1	213
1946	141.2	-	1030.0	210
1947	142.9(c)	355	1328.4	232
1948	158.8(c)	389	1580.7	254
1949	180.9	370	1794.7	260
			(a)	(a)
1939 - Aug.	97.9	-	414.0	111
1948 - July	169.6	391	1589.9	258
Aug.	174.3	390	1615.3	259
Sept.	174.8	388	1654.3	259
Oct.	174.5	387	1666.2	259
Nov.	180.5	389	1674.5	259
Dec.	182.5	392	1671.4	263
1949 - Jan.	184.0(c)	390	1713.7	262
Feb.	186.1(c)	384	1721.7	261
Mar.	186.5(c)	378	1734.6	261
Apr.	185.6(c)	373	1748.8	261
May	185.9(c)	372	1748.2	261
June	185.8(c)	366	1800.2	259
July	191.1	364	1800.3	256
Aug.	191.3	363	1817.1	255
Sept.	190.9	361	1827.5	257
Oct.	193.8	361	1863.1	259
Nov.	198.8	361	1879.9	263
Dec.	204.3	365	1880.9	270

(a) Monthly average.

(b) Each yearly index is for the period from July of the preceding year to June of the year specified.

(c) Revised.

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COUNTRY	EGYPT	FINLAND	FRANCE	GUATEMALA	INDIA	
AUTHORITY	Dept. of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistique Générale	Official	Economic Adviser	Dept. of Statistics Calcutta
No. of Commodities	270	218	135	71	78	72
Base Period	1937	1935	1938	Jan. 1946	Sept. '38 Aug. '39	July, 1914
	(b)					
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	201
1929	-	-	-	-	-	148
1939	-	108	-	-	-	141
1941	100	120	105	-	-	108
1942	156	197	171	-	-	139
1943	200	243	201	-	-	185
1944	254	276	234	-	-	307
1945	300	305	265	-	-	298
1946	318	438	375	-	-	289
1947	308	686	648	114.2	-	324
1948	292	825	989	123.6	-	382
1949	316	1090	1712	130.5	297	408
	298	1098	1917	133.2	368	438
		(a)			-	438
1939 - Aug.	-	117	102	-	-	(c) 100
1948 - July	324	1124	1698	131.7	-	
Aug.	317	1118	1783	133.0	390	416
Sept.	311	1116	1791	133.5	383	414
Oct.	308	1110	1887	133.4	382	421
Nov.	309	1107	1977	132.7	382	426
Dec.	311	1104	1974	136.1	382	425
					384	424
1949 - Jan.	313	1088	1946	130.6	-	
Feb.	308	1083	1898	132.6	376	421
Mar.	304	1075	1872	131.1	372	432
Apr.	298	1071	1846	131.5	370	428
May	295	1057	1890	130.7	376	422
June	291	1058	1812	131.5	377	416
July	286	1102	1854	135.4	378	422
Aug.	285	1112	1918	135.0	381	425
Sept.	290	1124	1958	133.6	389	446
Oct.	296	1134	2002	135.5	390	453
Nov.	300	1134	2005	136.9	393	462
Dec.	309	1138	2002	133.9	390	471
					-	456

(a) Monthly average.

(b) Source: United Nations Bulletin of Statistics.

(c) End of month.

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COUNTRY	IRELAND	ITALY	MEXICO	NETHERLANDS
AUTHORITY	Official	Official	Official	Central Bureau of Statistics
No. of Commodities	220	109	32	196
Base Period	October, 1938	1938	1929	1938-1939(c)
1913	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-
1929	-	(a)	100.0	-
1939	105.4	105	127.0	105
1941	148.0	136	135.8	150
1942	170.2	152	148.3	157
1943	189.4	229	182.4	160
1944	198.2	858	226.9	164
1945	197.5	2059	246.9	181
1946	197.5	2883	286.4	251
1947	219.3	5159	301.6	271
1948	232.1	5443	317.6	281
1949	231.1	5169	336.8	296
		(b)		
1939 - Aug.	101.1	-	129.1	-
1948 - July	232.2	5139	326.1	279
Aug.	231.2	5704	330.5	280
Sept.	230.4	5769	327.8	279
Oct.	232.1	5724	330.9	284
Nov.	231.8	5667	329.1	289
Dec.	230.2	5697	320.5	291
1949 - Jan.	231.1	5698	321.6	295
Feb.	233.2	5656	322.1	295
Mar.	233.2	5557	327.4	294
Apr.	232.5	5393	329.5	295
May	229.6	5278	329.2	294
June	229.8	5215	332.7	294
July	228.4	5034	339.8	293
Aug.	228.7	4889	335.1	293
Sept.	227.8	4910	341.3	295
Oct.	228.5	4841	348.7	297
Nov.	233.8	4826	355.0	306
Dec.	237.1	4747	359.2	306

(a) Annual averages, 1939-46, converted from indexes published in United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

(b) Monthly averages.

(c) July, 1938 - June, 1939.

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COUNTRY	NEW ZEALAND	NORWAY	PERU	PORTUGAL
AUTHORITY	Government Statistician	Central Bureau of Statistics	Official	Banco de Portugal
No. of Commodities	168	138	58	48
Base Period	1926-30	1938	1934-36(a)	June, 1927
1913	-	-	100(a)	-
1920	153.6	-	239(a)	-
1926	105.3	-	203(a)	-
1929	98.8	97	186(a)	104
1939	107.1	102	114	103
1941	131.1	163	152	153
1942	141.6	172	190	177
1943	151.3	175	219	221
1944	155.8	177	226	248
1945	158.4	177	236	241
1946	158.4	169	254	236
1947	165.4	175	342	248
1948	184.4	181	429	246
1949	182.5	184	600	252
	(b)			
1939 - Aug.	108.4	98	-	98
1948 - July	186.2	182	430	247
Aug.	188.0	181	435	254
Sept.	186.3	181	437	252
Oct.	186.2	181	449	251
Nov.	184.0	182	455	254
Dec.	182.0	183	463	255
1949 - Jan.	181.7	183	500	258
Feb.	181.7	183	538	252
Mar.	181.7	183	555	254
Apr.	183.8	183	578	257
May	184.0	183	586	251
June	183.4	183	613	245
July	182.8	187	623	250
Aug.	182.1	186	632	247
Sept.	182.4	185	632	252
Oct.	183.2	185	632	251
Nov.	184.0	185	633	253
Dec.	186.4	187	647	252

(a) Years 1913-33 on base 1913=100.

(b) Monthly average.

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COUNTRY	SOUTH AFRICA	SPAIN	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND
AUTHORITY	Census and Statistics Office	Official	Commerce Department	Federal Labour Department
No. of Commodities	225	109	160	78
Base Period	1913	1913	1935(a)	July, 1914
1913	100.0	100.0	100(a)	-
1920	223.3	223.4	359(a)	-
1926	123.3	174.8	149(a)	144.5
1929	115.1	167.7	140(a)	141.2
1939	101.9	241.9	115	111.2
1941	124.3	341.5	172	183.5
1942	139.5	375.4	189	209.6
1943	151.6	419.1	196	218.2
1944	157.0	450.3	196	222.6
1945	159.2	500.3	194	220.6
1946	163.1	600.2	186	214.7
1947	170.9	704.1	199	223.3
1948	182.5	753.5	214	232.5
1949	192.0	806.9	216	221.1
				(c)
1939 - Aug.	99.8(b)	244.2	111	107.4
1948 - July	186.0	746.4	215	232.4
Aug.	186.3	763.3	217	231.0
Sept.	187.4	772.6	217	229.9
Oct.	183.1	780.7	217	229.7
Nov.	187.0	784.0	217	232.0
Dec.	185.7	782.3	217	231.4
1949 - Jan.	186.9	784.7	217	230.2
Feb.	188.2	778.9	217	229.3
Mar.	188.5	787.4	216	227.4
Apr.	189.1	794.8	216	224.0
May	190.7	793.3	215	221.3
June	192.6	794.9	216	220.2
July	192.9	801.4	215	220.5
Aug.	194.7	814.9	214	219.9
Sept.	195.0	816.9	216	217.5
Oct.	194.8	828.4	218	214.6
Nov.	195.3	845.9	218	214.5
Dec.	195.6	855.7	219	213.4

(a) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116.

(b) July, 1939.

(c) End of month.

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COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM	UNITED STATES	
AUTHORITY	Board of Trade	Bureau of Labour Statistics General Index	Farm Products Index
No. of Commodities	200	889(a)	67
Base Period	1930	1926	1926
1913	-		
1920		69.8	71.5
1926	307.3(c)	154.4	150.7
1929	148.1(c)	100.0	100.0
1939	136.5(c)	95.3	104.9
1941	102.8	77.1	65.3
1942	152.6	87.3	82.4
1943	159.4	98.8	105.9
1944	162.8	103.1	122.6
1945	166.2	104.0	123.3
1946	169.0	105.8	123.2
1947	175.2	121.1	143.9
1948	191.7	152.1	181.2
1949	219.3	164.9	188.3
	230.1	155.6	165.1
1939 - Aug.	98.1	(b)	(b)
		75.0	61.0
1948 - July	221.3		
Aug.	221.1	168.7	195.2
Sept.	220.0	169.5	191.0
Oct.	219.8	163.7	189.9
Nov.	220.5	165.2	183.5
Dec.	220.3	164.0	180.8
		162.3	177.3
1949 - Jan.	221.3		
Feb.	221.1	160.6	172.5
Mar.	220.5	158.1	163.3
Apr.	226.6	153.4	171.5
May	231.3	156.9	170.5
June	231.9	155.7	171.2
July	229.4	154.5	163.8
Aug.	229.5	153.5	166.2
Sept.	230.7	152.9	162.3
Oct.	237.2	153.7	163.1
Nov.	240.2	152.2	159.6
Dec.	241.0	151.6	156.8
		151.2	155.3

- (a) Number of commodities changed from 510 to 784 since January, 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.
- (b) Monthly average.
- (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100.

